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HOME

John Denver sings "Take me home, country road."
Nelson County—
like a country road in a world of six-lane highways:
 quiet, serene, a change of pace.
with a presence not earth-shattering
 but still here
 to be counted and maintained.
Sure it's country—
Not jet-setting, sophisticated, or urbanized,
But, then, it wouldn't and couldn't be
Nelson County
if it were
without farms, livestock, produce,
without hunting, fishing,
without resources that have remained
 natural
despite environmental deterioration.









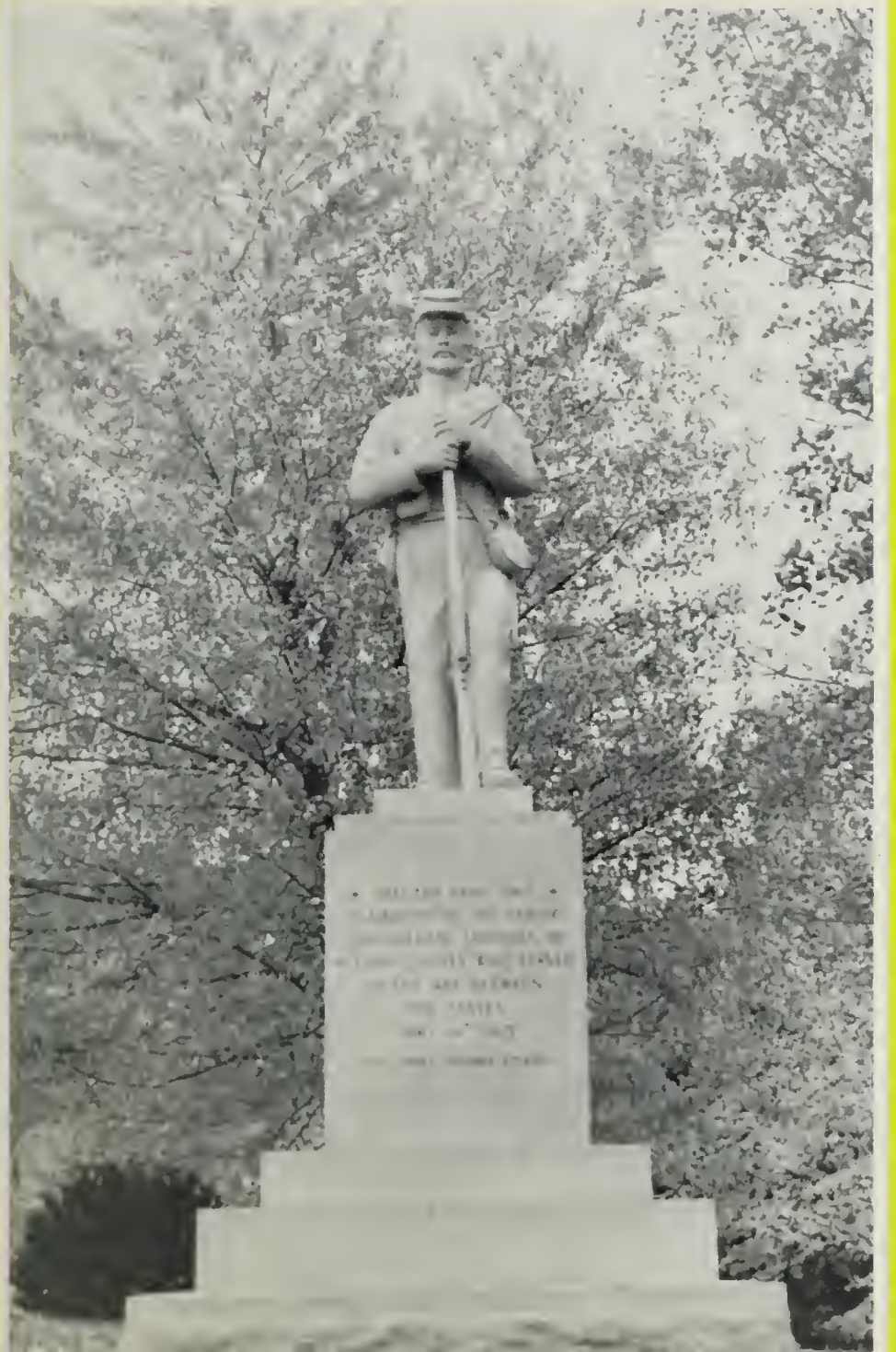




Our county;
our home.

We don't have such wonders as
industrial growth,
high-rise complexes,
or parking lots,
but is all that necessary?
Is there an unwritten law somewhere
demanding the continuance
of man's poor vision of progress
at the risk of losing the treasures we have?

Leaves convert to beautiful fall foliage
in few places.
Apple and peach blossoms don't sprinkle pastel colors
across an orchard, while
honeysuckle spices crisp, fresh air
on a spring day
as a commonplace event.
Often,
Wildlife finds its last resort in preservation
in a zoo or compound.
Rivers and creeks tripping over rocks
aren't always musical,
or clear.













When one pauses
to reflect upon these things,
and realizes
how fortunate we are,
then he must also
consider, at last, that
being Nelson County
isn't so bad.
Surely, we've been blessed.
Not bad at all.

Turning his back to the six-lane highways,
facing squarely toward
Nelson County:
 grassroots,
 simplicity,
 familiar lifestyles,
 home;
He must surely address
the way ahead,
and say most clearly:
"Take me home, country road."







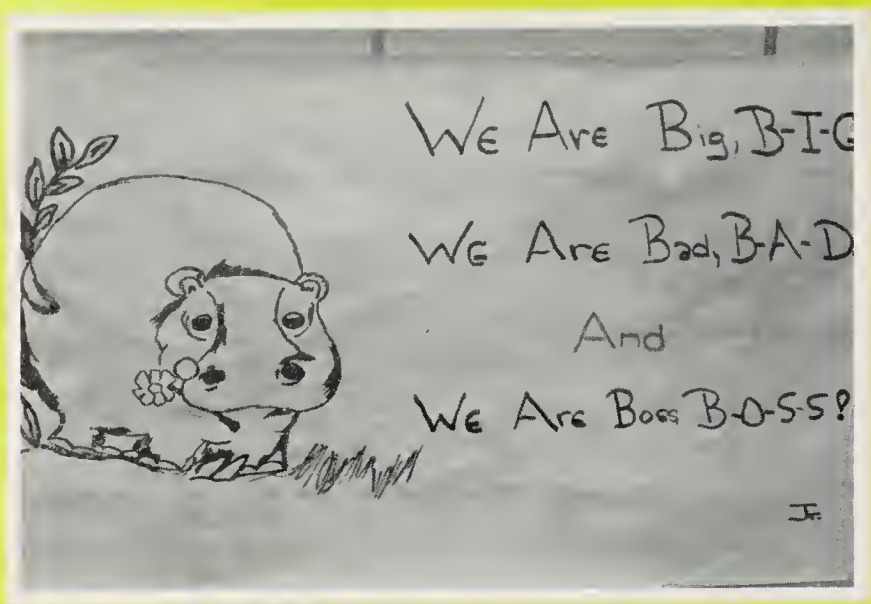




STREET



MEAN GREEN







In 1970 Spirit Week was renewed as something in which the entire student body could participate. Theoretically, it brings out one's enthusiasm for his school and spurs co-operation within the classes.

History was made this year as the senior class clenched first place for the third consecutive time. The seniors set their winning precedent in 1971 and continued it throughout their high school career. Their hard work was shown in the halls and their imagination and originality was at its best. After installing a coffin in the main hall, in which an "Appomattox Raider" laid in state during the week, a mock funeral was held at the yell-out for the Appomattox team complete with weeping widows, pall bearers, and bugle taps.

The sophomore class came in second place, after giving the seniors a close race. The seniors saw competition especially from the sophomores in the hall work as well as at the yell out.

School spirit was still burning at the football game on Friday Night, when the Governors whipped the Appomattox Raiders 40-0.









Opposite Page: Upper Left—Juniors show spirit by displaying posters. Center Left—Sophomores cheer at the yell-out. Upper Right—Freshman creativity at work. Lower Right—Funeral service for the Appomattox team is led by seniors. This Page: Seniors demonstrate first rate spirit for third consecutive year. Lower Left—Sophomores flush the Raiders. Lower Right—Students pay last respects to the opposing team.

BOAZ CIRCUS









On September 27, 1973, the Boaz Brothers Circus rolled into Nelson County and pitched its tent on the practice field. This event was sponsored by the Athletic Department.

At 2:00 p.m., high school and elementary students filled the tents. The elementary students were especially excited; for many, this was their first circus.

As venders circled the arena selling drinks, popcorn, and cotton candy, the circus got underway. After the clowns started things rolling, two "brothers" made repeated failures at carpentry. The small cast of the circus displayed various talents as each made several appearances. Repeated performances by the star of the show kept the circus going as he alternated between tumbling, flipping from the trampoline, over the heads of five spectators, to the floor, walking on the high wire, and swinging on the trapeze high in the big top. The one-man show was supplemented by a disappearing act, clowns, and performances by Shetland ponies, Peruvian llamas, and trained dogs. Each act was accompanied by the circus band, which featured impromptu performances by several band students.













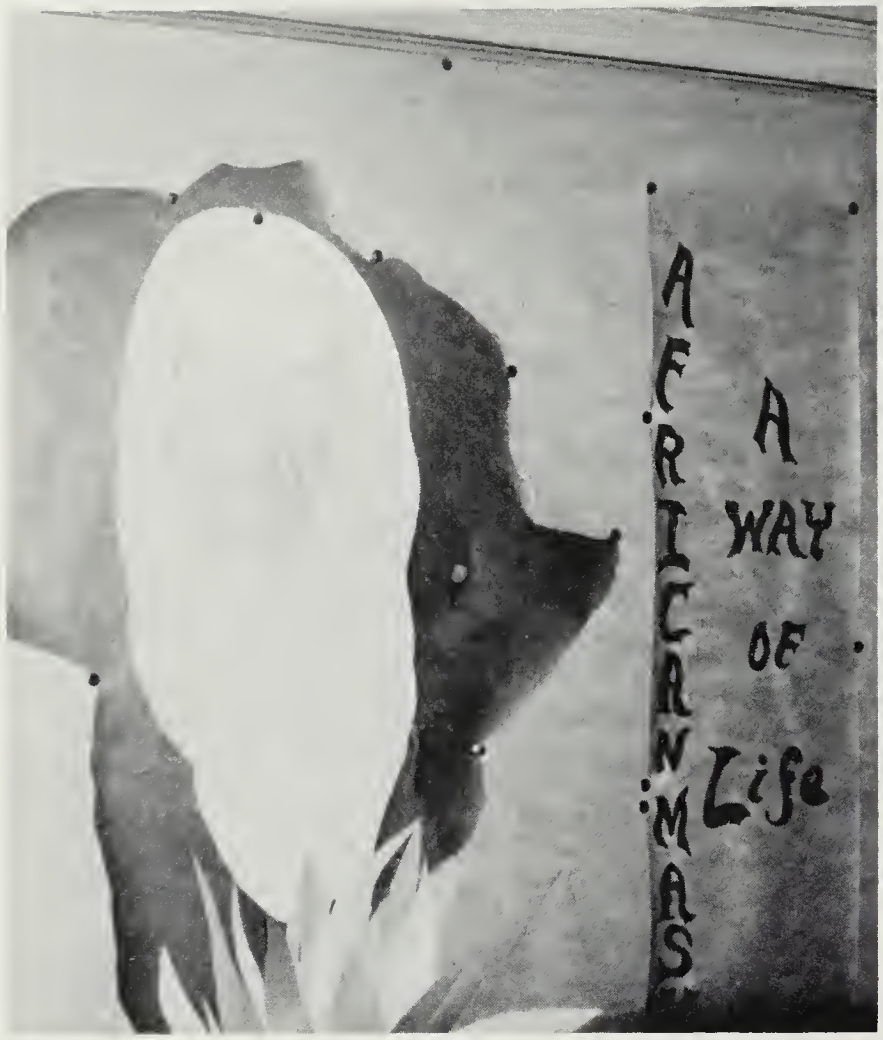
Opposite Page: Nelson County displays its beauty at its scenic mill in Lowesville. This Page: Upper Left: "The Real Thing" provided music for the prom. Center Left: Roberta Floyd displays a commander's smile of victory. Lower Left: The theme was expressed by "Dancing In the Moonlight." Upper Right: Ronnie Ragland is lost in space. Lower Right: Crowded bathrooms force Richard Moon into using the nearest trash can while Gary Spencer waits in line.







BLACK HISTORY





The week of February 11-15 was devoted to the observance of Black History Week. This year's theme of "Let There Be Peace on Earth" highlighted the various activities organized by Chairman Rhonda Briggs and Sponsor Mrs. Dolores Truesdale.

An assembly was held each day during Black History Week. These assemblies featured a film on the accomplishments of Blacks in the area of classical music, and speeches by Theodora Jackson, Levy Green, and Rhonda Briggs concerning literary, historical, and social contributions of Blacks. An interpretation of an African dance was provided by Phyllis Gaines, and Marita Fleming gave a solo performance of "Let There Be Peace On Earth." Melvin Perrow, a graduate of Nelson Memorial High School, sang the Black National Anthem at Thursday's assembly.

Borrowed and imported art works were on exhibit during the week. On display were paintings, sculptures, and various objects from Africa including hand-made bead necklaces, maracas, and ceremonial masks. On Thursday evening highlights from each day's activities were combined into a program given for the members of the community.

The Black History Committee intended for these programs to increase the appreciation of Black culture, to inform students of the accomplishments of Blacks, and to create a sense of understanding and harmony within the student body.





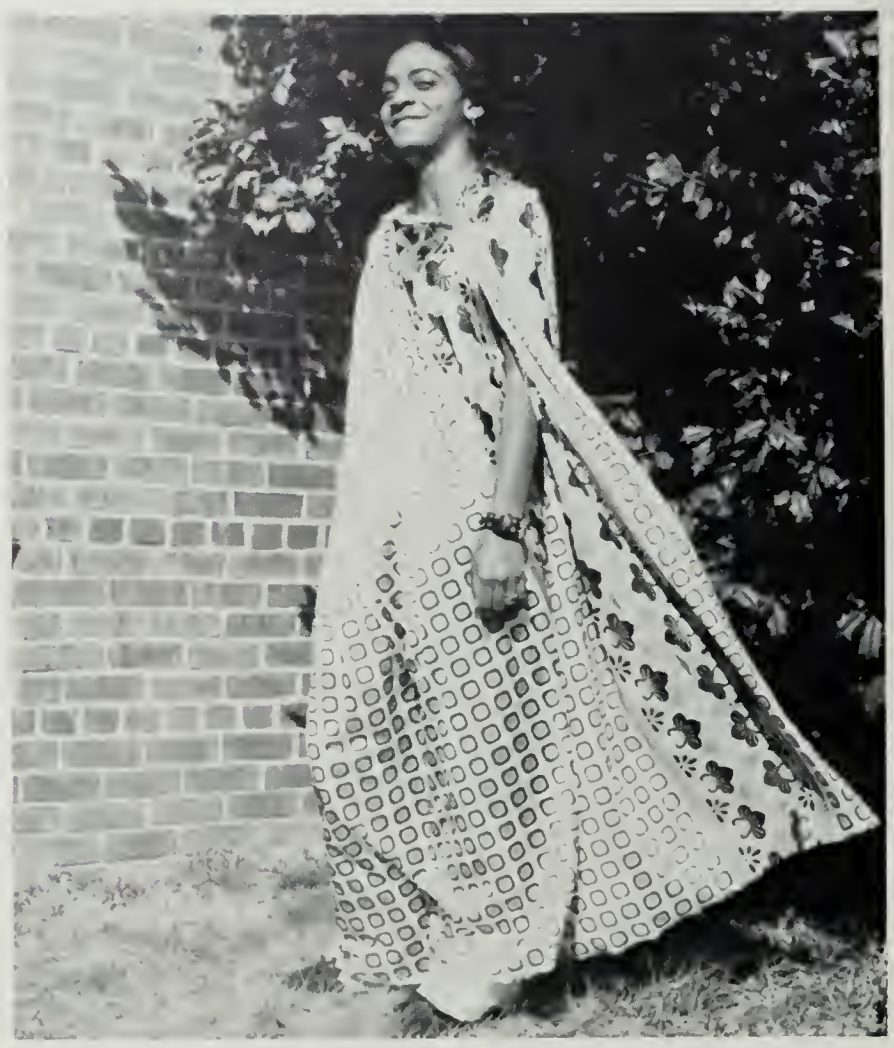
Opposite Page: Upper Left—Bulletin boards informed the student body of African culture. Upper Right—Mrs. Truesdale was responsible for organizing Black History Week activities. Lower Right—Gale models a style of African dress. This Page: Upper Left—Theodora addresses her audience on Black contributions to literature. Upper Right—Perry wears an up-dated version of a traditional African costume. Lower Center—The transition of Black culture is illustrated by a song.











This Page: Upper Center—The front bulletin board displayed the week's theme: "The Black Man up through History." Lower Left—Claude poses in his modern dress copied from African styles. Lower Right—Margaret was one of many who modeled caftans during the week. Opposite Page: Upper Left—Marita entertained during an assembly with "Let There Be Peace on Earth." Upper Right—African masks decorated the art department's bulletin board. Upper Center—Phyllis performed an African dance for an assembly. Lower Left—African styles are evident in these shirts. Lower Right—the chorus sang various songs by Black composers.



















This Page: Upper Center—1972 Homecoming Queen Gwen Ferguson crowns Rhonda at halftime. Lower Left—The bonfire preceeding the game began the Homecoming activities. Lower Right—The Senior Homecoming Representatives. Opposite Page: Upper Left—Roberta, Jerry, and Cheryl gather together at the Harvest Ball. Lower Center—Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior members of the Homecoming Court.



HOMECOMING '74

Homecoming 1973 began on November 2 when the bonfire was lit on the track. Around the fire, cheerleaders led the fans in encouraging the Governors to victory over Altavista.

At halftime each representative of the Homecoming Court was driven by the stands to the music of "I Can See Clearly Now." Then they were escorted through a line of flash flags by two rifle corp members, while the Governor Band played "Brian's Song." Members of the Court from the freshman class were Holly Bradley and Marita Fleming. The sophomore class was represented by Pat Morse and Darlene Small. Juniors Debbie Hurst and Margaret Morse stood for their class. One of the three senior representatives, Rhonda Briggs, Debbie Morris, or Doris Showalter, would become the 1973 Homecoming Queen. After a trumpet fanfare the winner was announced, and Rhonda Briggs was crowned queen.

The Homecoming Dance became a festive occasion in 1973. The usual dance was converted into the Harvest Ball. The gym was decorated with fodder, pumpkins, and other trappings indicative of a fall harvest. As "The Godfather" from Virginia Beach provided the music, the queen, the court, and their Nelson County subjects enjoyed the Harvest Ball on November 3.







PROM '73







The class of 1974 had a harder time of fund-raising for their prom than most classes, due to the fact that all but a small percentage of the finances were obtained during the course of the school year. However, with the help of the Sugar 'n' Spice Bowl, sales of the *Nelson County Times* and of candy, the prom was provided for.

The actual decorating began the week of May 20. Juniors donated their time out of study hall, after school, and at night to prepare the gym, which was off limits to anyone but juniors, for Friday night at 8:00 p.m.

The theme, "Dancing in the Moonlight," was carried out in crepe paper ball "moons" in the ceiling. Starred streamers flowed from the side of the walls up to a large "moon" in the center of the gym. Sides of the stage that the band, "The Real Thing," played on were covered with star-studded crepe paper. Refreshments were highlighted by a three tier cake decorated with the idea of "Dancing in the Moonlight." The main prop of the prom was an entrance foyer, constructed by the shop class and decorated with green-and-gold tissue paper.

At midnight of May 25, the prom came to a close. The Cinderellas and their Prince Charmings, after the ball, left for home or for one the after-prom parties. None of the carriages turned to pumpkins, nor did any drivers change to mice, but the prom participants had to once again resume their daily routines.









RAP ROOM



Rap Room, sponsored by the Guidance Department, is a place where students can go once a week during their study hall and discuss topics of interest. A counselor is always present to observe and contribute to the discussion. The purpose of the room is to give students a chance to express themselves on issues that concern them. It provides an excellent place to "let off steam." A few of the topics discussed this year included the food in the cafeteria, reasons for so few dances this year, school rules, and Black History Week.



SUGAR 'N' SPICE

Opposite Page: Upper Right—Mrs. Whitehead and Mrs. Perry monitor the discussion. Lower Center—Participants in the Rap Room gather in the basement. This Page: Upper Left—The "cheerleading squad" for Nelson takes time from their busy schedule to pose. Upper Right—A flirtatious Kenny whispers "sweet nothings" in Paul's ear. Lower Left—The "Homecoming Court" arrives amid cheers from an adoring crowd. Center Right—Nelson is the agressor as Joyce charges toward the goal line. Lower Right—The squad demonstrates its adroitness during a cheer.





















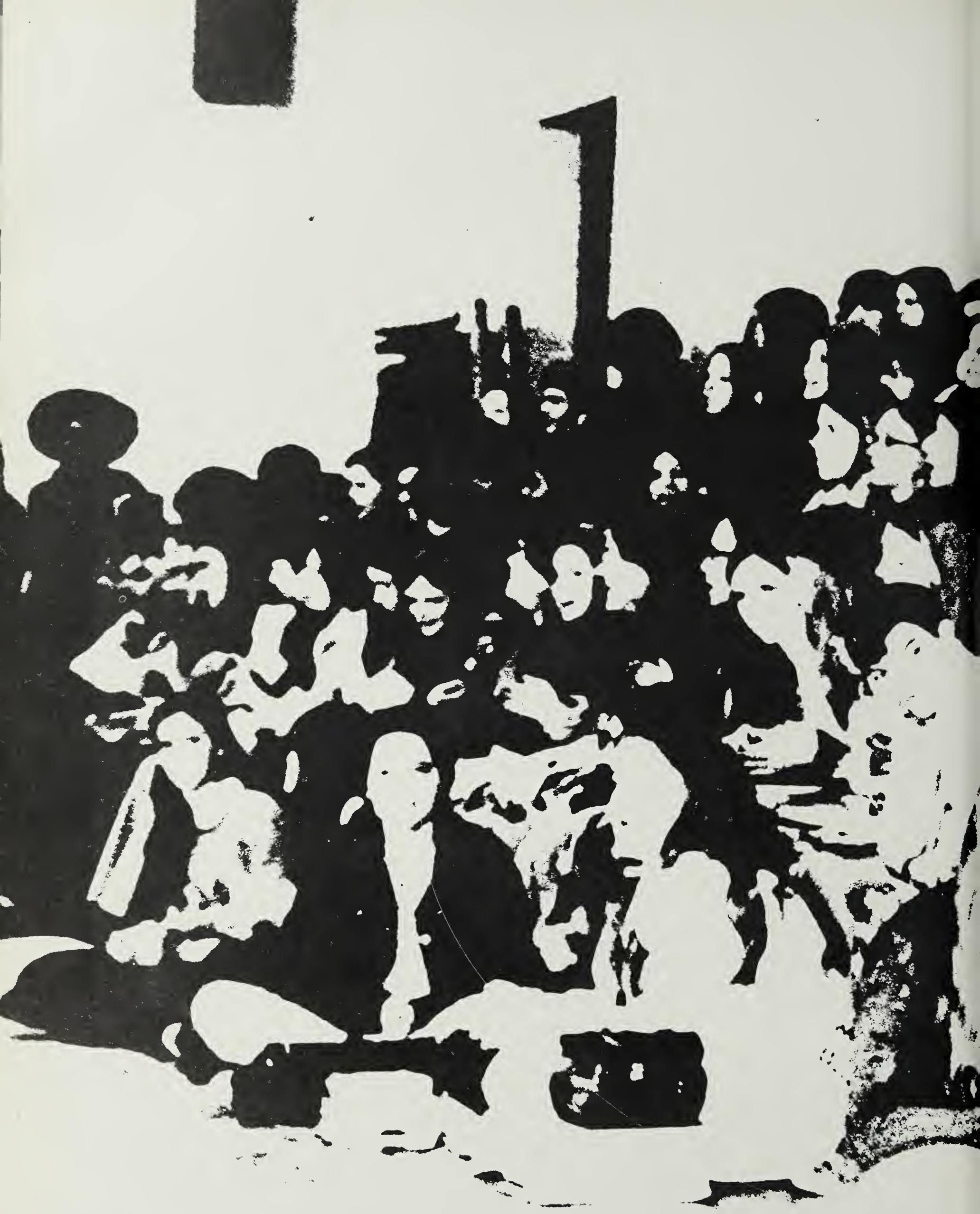
This Page: Upper Left—Regina's head is measured for her graduation cap. Upper Right—Sharon's height is calculated and recorded by the Herff Jones representative. Lower Left—Seniors thronged the cafeteria on January 30 to order their graduation trappings. Center Right—Wilbur arrives at a highlight of his junior year, that of receiving class ring. Lower Right—After writing out their order forms, the seniors waited in line for final measurements.




Your time has expired
Raiders


GUEST

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CLUES

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



Top row—L. to R.—M. Carroll, G. Slosson, D. Drumheller, L. Green, P. Slosson, J. Tucker, M. Garwood, M. Timberlake, Bottom—L. to R.—D. Bryant, C. LeDoux, M. Coates, N. Fox, J. Rodgers, S. Eggleston, B. Higginbotham, R. Roberts.

The National Honor Society brought fame and recognition to Nelson County High School as members and guests appeared on Klassroom Kwiz on WDBJ-TV, in Roanoke.

Suzanne Eggleston, John Tucker, and Mildred Coates composed Nelson's panel, and represented the Society for three Monday nights, on October 15, 22, and 29, 1973, at 7:00 p.m. On October 15, Nelson met Tunstall High School for the battle of wits. The Nelson team defeated the champions, made a perfect score, and also set a new record of 260 points, the highest score ever received by any group on the show. On the next program, both achievements were recognized, and the Honor Society was presented with two certificates. That night the champions were challenged by Staunton River High School. The challengers almost succeeded in defeating the Society but John Tucker answered a bonus question correctly in the third round to win the match for Nelson. On their third appearance, the three defended the title against North Cross School of Roanoke. The North Cross team received a perfect score and became the new champions.

The Honor Society sponsored a movie for the student body this year, and also presented a deserving senior, outside of the Society, with a $100 scholarship. The final front bulletin board, which features the graduating seniors, was the responsibility of the Society.











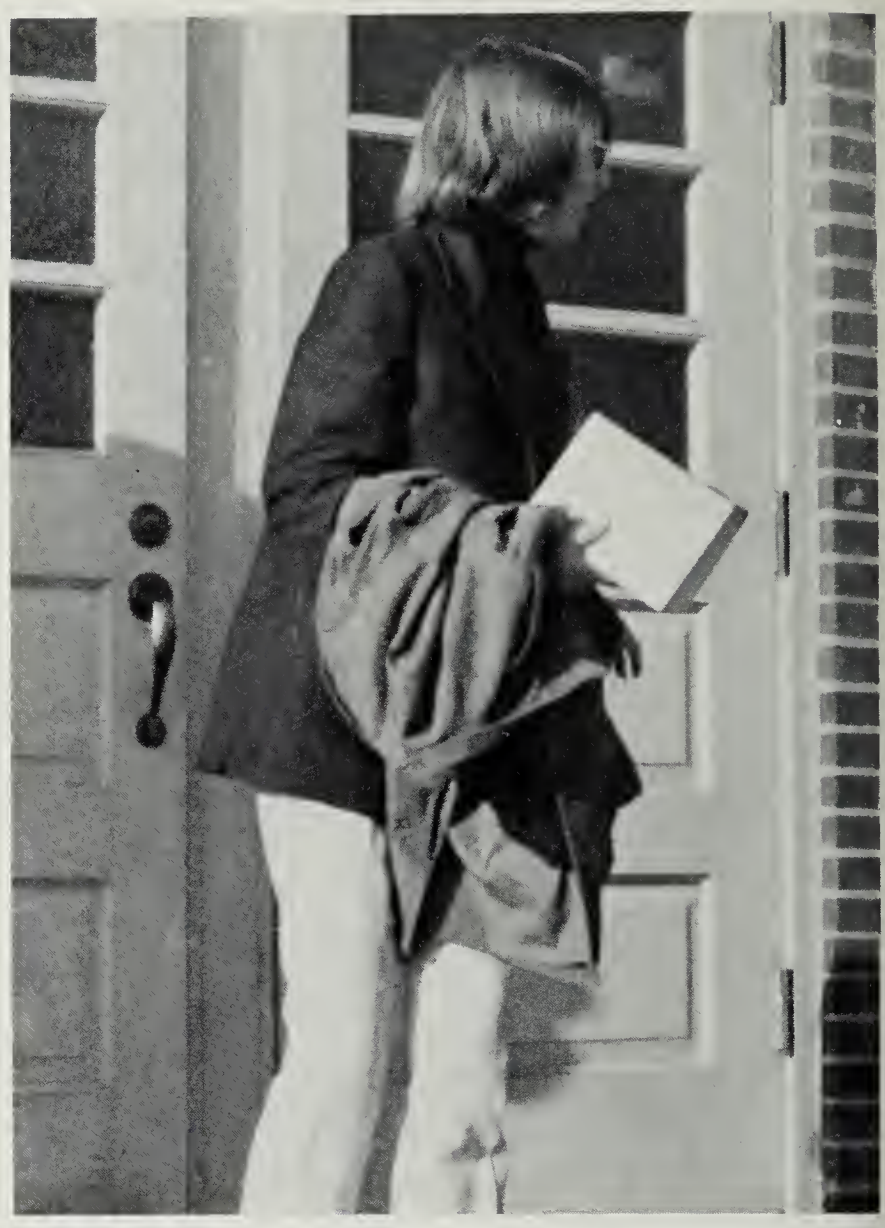
Opposite Page: Lower Right—(bottom row, L. to R.) Nita Fox, historian; Suzanne Eggleston, president; Joyce Rodgers, treasurer; (top row, L. to R.) Mark Garwood, reporter; Mark Timberlake, vice-president; and Rosemary Roberts, secretary. This Page: Upper Left—Members and guests await their appearance on Klassroom Kwiz. Upper Right—The group enters the studios of WDBJ-TV. Lower Left—Nelson's contestants pose with George Bassett, the show's master of ceremonies. Lower Right—Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Bragg watch behind the scenes.

THESPIAN SOCIETY

Troupe 2068, the Nelson High Chapter of the International Thespian Society, was established to honor superiority in dramatics at high school level.

The international governing board set up a basic system having ten points as the minimum number required for membership. These ten points may be earned in any combination by work on one-act and three-act plays. Points are awarded to potential Ryan O'Neals and Ali McGraws, to student directors, stage managers, to club officers, and to committee chairmen and their cohorts.

This fall, five drama club members, all active participants in drama activities, were offered the opportunity to have their names placed on the Thespian membership list along with Regina Brown and Paul Campbell. Levy Green, Sissie Payne, David Witt, Diane Evans and Chuck Yarborough officially added their names to the roll at a formal initiation ceremony held in the library.







Upper Right—First-year-man Chuck Yarborough leaves the school.
Lower Right—Members of Troupe 2068 hold the Thespian charts.

QUILL AND SCROLL





Lower Right—Garry Spencer is received into membership at the spring tapping ceremony.

The Earl Hamner Chapter of Quill and Scroll seems to have been appropriately named, because both the chapter and its namesake, Earl H. Hamner, are meeting with prosperous times. While Mr. Hamner has added another television series, "Apple's Way," to his already popular "The Waltons," his chapter of Quill and Scroll has enjoyed a year with the largest membership in the chapter's brief history.

On Earl Hamner Day (1973 Nelson County Day), the 1972-73 President Paul Campbell presented Mr. Hamner with the Quill and Scroll Testimonial Scroll, in honor of his achievements in literature and journalism.

Mrs. Doris Hamner was the guest of Quill and Scroll for a dinner party at La Hacienda in Charlottesville last May. The membership of the chapter prides itself in its close relationship with Mrs. Hamner.

Quill and Scroll is an international honorary society with over 10,00 chapters throughout the world. Membership is determined by three factors: a student must be a junior or senior; he must be in the upper third of his class academically, and he must have made an outstanding contributin to a school publication

In the picture above, the Walton family is represented by (left to right) Garry Spencer as John, Gregg Goff as Jim-Bob, Paul Campbell as Grandpa, Mary Campbell as Mary Ellen, Joyce Rodgers as Elizabeth, Nita Fox as Olivia, Debbie Morris as Erin, and Mark Timerlake as John Boy.

DEBATE CLUB

The Debate Club, under the direction of Mrs. Emilie Bruguiere, began the 1973-74 school year with freshmen as the majority of its fifteen members.

The topic for all debates for the year was "Should the Federal Government Provide a Minimum Monthly Income for Each Family Unit?" Each debate requires that a team have a positive and a negative side, with two members on each. Information to support the argument is obtained through research in magazines, newspapers, and encyclopedias. The data is recorded on cards and used as references during a debate.

Patience is a key element in each meet. A debator must possess the ability to state the facts and discuss the argument without losing his temper.

The Debate Club has both varsity and junior varsity teams. Due to the number of freshmen in the membership, the junior varsity teams will be the most populated. The novices, or first-year debators, will gain experience and preparedness, to make a later contribution to the varsity teams.

Upper Right—The Debate Club officers. Lower Center (seated) L. to R.—E. Eubanks, B. Green, C. Mitchell, G. Starks, P. Carter, S. Ponton, B. Durrette, G. Morse, (standing) L. to R.—A. Irving, B. Gordon, G. Beverly, M. Revely, J. Davis, D. Glover, D. Stewart, K. Kokernot, Mrs. Bruguiere, (sponsor).





TRI-HI-Y





Upper Center: First Row: L. to R.—B. Vaughn, C. Johnson, J. Green, C. Hudson, J. Tucker, D. Henderson, Second Row: P. Spencer, H. Rodgers, T. Anderson, J. Fox, K. Crady, J Butler, L. Chafee, B. Banks, S. Page, Third Row: Mr. Garwood (sponsor), E. Martin, D. Quick, H. Thomas, A. Caton, L. Rose, W. Henderson. Lower left—Mr. Garwood passes time with Wallace and Danny.

The Hi-Y Tri-Hi-Y Program is in its second year at Nelson. Started late last year, it was founded for the purpose of Christian service and fellowship. Members of this club planned service projects for the neighboring communities as well as for school. The Hi-Y is sponsored by James Garwood through the cooperation of the Virginia Young Men's Christian Association.

A highlight of the Hi-Y year came with the annual Model General Assembly, held each spring at the Capitol in Richmond. The purpose of the Model General Assembly is to give moral and political leadership training and experience in the theory and practice of determining public policy. Through this Young Men's Christian Association program high school students receive a clear understanding of the processes of the General Assembly by participating in this model. This is an important step in the building of tomorrow's responsible citizen.

Sponsor Garwood was uncertain of becoming affiliated with the organization this year. Because of some confusion with the scheduling of Hi-Y, the club was once again late starting. However, in the future he hopes for a strong group within the Nelson walls, with more response from the student body.

FRENCH CLUB



Top Row—L. to R.—K. Mawyer, T. Seaman, J. Davis, S. Massie, P. Morris, J. McKenzie, M. Singer, B. Durrette, T. Jackson, F. Coffey, P. Willis, T. Anderson, B. Higginbotham, Mrs. Ligon (sponsor), Middle Row—L. to R.—E. Purivs, D. Dowdy, L. DeHart, R. Kurtz, B. Brown, L. Martin, D. Johnson, M. Watts, G. Slosson, D. Drumheller, N. Fox, P. White, H. Rodgers, Front Row—L. to R.—L. Green, R. Proffitt, B. Stevens, J. Floyd, G. Patrick, W. Crocker, M. Markel, S. Eggleston, K. Fields, C. Hughes, M. Coates.

Toute de suite! This phrase was the byword of the French Club during 1973-74, as the group became a very active organization under the direction of Mrs. Ligon. The French Club tackled many fund-raising projects. Weekly bake sales before school were organized, in which students gave their time after school to make the baked goods. Candle, calendar, and stationery sales were also projects of November and December. Another undertaking was the sale of drinks at home basketball games. The purpose of all these projects was the much aspired trip to Canada for all French Club members. This trip would take place during Easter vacation, and would include stays in Quebec and Montreal. Transportation for the trip also proved to be a problem.

Officers of the club are Warner Crocker, president; Marilyn Markel, vice-president; Suzanne Eggleston, secretary; and Bill Brown, treasurer.



Opposite Page: Lower Right—Members listen to plans for fund-raising for their Canadian Trip. This Page: Upper Left—Pep Club representatives perform a skit for a pep rally.



PEP CLUB

The Pep Club is a relatively new organization at Nelson. Now in its third year, the sponsorship has been taken on by Mr. Jim Talbot, who started things rolling with a quick, democratic election. This year the club is a relatively small, yet integral part of the efforts to raise school spirit among the students at Nelson High, with Barbara Eubanks as president, Barbara Cowan as secretary, and Lois Ferguson as treasurer.

The club took a busload of students to the girls basketball tournament game to E.C. Glass in the fall. It has also taken buses to away Varsity and Junior Varsity basketball games. The group put in a special appearance at the pep rally prior to the boys basketball game with Gretna, a Nelson home game on the eighteenth of December.



Top Row—L. to R.—C. Scott, A. Dunning, A. Morse, L. Ferguson, K. Haywood, D. Wood, M. Jacques, D. Wells, R. Allen, M. Hill, E. Toliver, Second Row—L. to R.—E. Martin, J. Wells, M. Martin, S. Woodson, E. Robinson, K. Morse, J. Stratton, R. Rose, R. Green, M. Morse, D. Mitchell, Third Row—L. to R.—A. Fortune, W. Briggs, B. Barnette, E. Eubanks, P. Crawford, L. Henderson, C. Johnson, C. Mitchell, G. Starks, J Jenkins, B. Durrette. Bottom Row—L. to R.—D. Simpson, L. Rutherford, D. Sites, D. Morse, T. Jackson, S. Allen, N. Spears, B. Cowan, B. Eubanks, B. Green, S. Page, M. Hudson, P. Miles.

VARSITY CLUB



Top Row—L. to R.—W. Crocker, G. Slosson, M. Aldridge, M. Gamble, K. Friend, D. Ferguson, C. Statton, L. Miles, D. Smith, C. Parrish, K. Carter, T. Sheffield, C. Ferguson, G. Epps, M. Timberlake, M. Morse, F. Clark, D. Wells, J. Smith, Middle Row—L. to R.—M. Campbell, L. Martin, K. Fields, S. Massie, R. Proffitt, R. Floyd, M. Timberlake, J. Tucker, H. Hughes, D. Morse, P. Crawford, D. Revely, G. Vest, S. Allen, C. Robinson, J. Vest, C. Scott, D. Wood, T. Fleming, Bottom Row—L. to R.—R. Moon, T. Jackson, L. Rose, T. Boggs, T. Payne, M. Garwood, H. Watts, J. Horsley, D. Purvis, D. Morris, D. Kidd, J. Fields, J. Collins, K. Fitzgerald, B. Payne, W. Napper, E. Martin, K. Haywood.

The Varsity Club (also called the Monogram Club) is composed of those young men and women who have either played on a varsity team, participated on the varsity cheerleading squad, or served as manager for any of the teams.

In the spring, an athletic banquet or a picnic is sponsored by the group for members and invited guests. Outstanding performances and achievements by individual sportsman are recognized.

At the end of the year, lettermen and women from the varied teams of the school receive a heavy green and gold monogrammed jacket, with the recipient's name on the front.

The Varsity Club, sponsored by head football coach Herman Allen, is an inactive group, with no club functions throughout the year. Members find their club's action on either the field, diamond, track, or court.



Opposite Page: Lower Right—Members from the football team participate during a pep rally. This Page: Upper Left—Forensics members await their bus to the district meet at Rustburg on December 12. Lower Center—(seated) L. to R.—J. Rodgers, S. Eggleston, P. Spencer, S. Ponton, B. Stevens, D. Gray, T. Jackson, C. Mitchell, (standing) C. Yarborough, D. Witt, G. Morse, B. Spencer, D. Witt, A. Irving.



FORENSICS CLUB

The Forensics Club of Nelson County High School is an organization concerned with different facets of rhetoric. Members travel to various meets and invitationals with prepared material. Forensics offers students the opportunity to formally express their opinions and views through their choice of material, while providing exposure and training for public speaking.

Anyone who makes a presentation at a meet or invitational must follow the set requirements, and also read expressively and distinctly before a panel of judges. The judges rate and place place the presentation in a first, second, or third place or in an honorable mention.

Forensics includes the categories of girls' and boys' poetry, girls' and boys' prose, girls' and boys' spelling, girls' and boys' original oratory, and girls' and boys' extemporaneous speaking.

Most of the veteran Forensics members were lost in the graduating class last year. Chuck Yarborough was the only returning veteran of the 1973-74 membership.



This Page: Upper Left—Typists for the *Governor*. Upper Right—Debbie and Ms. Reiter discuss the book. Lower Left—The Section editors and sponsor confer. Lower Right—The Ad section is planned. Opposite Page: Lower Left—Joyce and Debbie look over the layout.









ANNUAL STAFF



Seated: Section Editors—L. to R.—R. Massie, M. Campbell, J. Rodgers, R. Brown, D. Morris, P. Slosson, R. Floyd Standing; Miss Canwenberg (Sponsor), H. Rodgers, M Morse, D. Evans, P. White, L. Page, D. Stevens, P. Morleand, L. DeHart, S. Gunter, M. Saunders, R. Campbell, P. Carter, S. Ponton, B. Campbell, K. Wood, S. Toms, R. Moon, B. Woody, D. Showalter, Ms. Reiter (Sponsor).



The theme for the 1973-74 edition of the *Governor* was "Styles." This was displayed in the opening section, which featured local scenes in the county, and an emphasis was placed on the "style" of Nelson County.

The *Governor* was assembled by a relatively small number of experienced staff members. Many sections and departments were edited by novices to the yearbook business. Ms. Ethel Reiter, who was also new to the *Governor* but not publications, as editor of her college newspaper, composed the book's sponsorship along with Miss Cauwenberg, who handled the business phase of the publication.

The 1972-73 *Governor* was submitted to the Virginia High School League, and its staff was informed in October that the book received a superior rating. That yearbook included many new features, some of which were continued this year. The 1973-74 *Governor* will likewise be submitted for rating this spring.

Due to last year's prosperity, the yearbook staff had sufficient funds for operation this year. To supplement this, the staff made plans to execute the third annual "Mr. Yearbook" contest, and the second annual Sports Day event.









This Page: Upper Left—Paul and Kenny prepare to attack an innocent bystander during the fifth period chaos. Upper Right—Wilson provided subscribers with "Bullet" and illustrated ads. Lower Left—Paul Campbell, editor-in-chief, with a long list of credits such as past associate editor, sports editor, past president of Quill and Scroll, first person to gain points for Quill and Scroll as a sophomore or to be a three-year veteran on *Governors Gazette*, received the 1974 Newspaper Award. Lower Right—The paper is circulated during homeroom. Opposite Page: Lower Left—Frank receives his latest edition.

GOVERNORS GAZETTE



First row—L. to R.—J. Floyd, E. Saunders, N. Fox, D. Morris, R. Moon, S. Roach, V. Thompson. Second row—L. to R.—P. Spencer, M. Marckel, J. Tucker, Q. Brown, S. Mays, S. Hancock, S. Payne, K. Lawhorne. Third row—L. to R.—M. Garwood, J. Quick, D. Drumheller, P. Campbell, G. Spencer, C. Ferguson, G. Goff.



Between the harried antics of the fifth period group in room 109, the *Governors Gazette* is written, typed, assembled, and prepared for publication.

The staff of 1973-74 was, by far, the most experienced in the paper's history, with a three year veteran, Paul Campbell, as editor-in-chief. The masthead staff consisted of Nita Fox, associate editor; Pat Spencer and Sharon Roach, copy; Jenny Floyd and Kenny Lawhorne, business managers; David Drumheller and Sissie Payne, news; Garry Spencer, Chester Ferguson, Joyce Tucker and Richard Moon, sports; Marilyn Marckel and Darrell Morris, features; Sue Mays, typist; Wilson Jones, artist; Jerry Quick and Greg Goff, photographers; and Sabrina Hancock, exchange editor. Miss Driskill served as sponsor.

The *Gazette* moved its publication from exclusively the Amherst Publishing Company to the Hartco Company of Pennsylvania. This move meant more difficult work for the staff, as the paper was laid out in room 109 exactly as it would be published. This new process required, among other things, that the staff arrange and set its own headlines.

School spirit combined with fund-raising in the *Governors Gazette's* sale of green and gold windbreakers and mesh Tee shirts. Also, a sock hop before a basketball game was planned.





The Nelson Drama Club took its audiences by surprise this year when it presented Agatha Christie's *Ten Little Indians,* the first three-act mystery production in recent years.

Tryouts were held on a Thursday afternoon in early November. On the following Monday morning, Miss Nina Garrett, club sponsor, posted a list of cast members. The three ladies and eight gentlemen who were awarded roles experienced alternate shock and ecstatic joy. Those who did not get parts breathed high sighs of relief, and patted the cast members on the back in sympathy.

Anyone attending the first few practice sessions would have thought that those involved were intent on making a comedy out of an intensely serious production. In fact, a number of later rehearsals were interrupted while the cast roared with laughter at each other's mistakes.

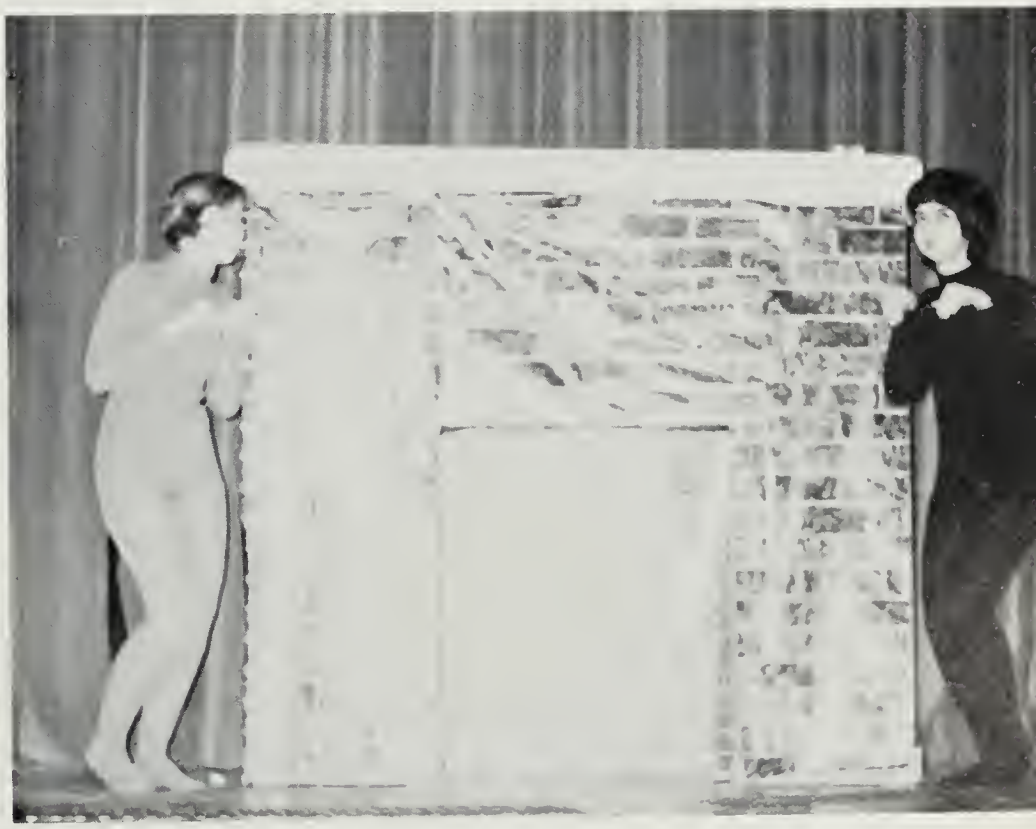
On December 6th and 9th at 8:00 p.m. the NCHS auditorium doors were closed, the act curtain raised and the eleven role-players proceeded to thoroughly frighten their audiences. In view of the fact that over half of the young dramatists had never been on stage in a public dramatic presentation, both performances were considered quite an accomplishment. One of the major reasons for the success of *Ten Little Indians* was the hard-working group of Regina Brown, Student Director; the stage crew, and the members of the make-up, costume, and publicity committees. A well-received play showers only the cast members with praises, but would any audience have enjoyed the play as well if eleven unmade-up actors in jeans stood in the center of the stage and pantomined death in nonexistent furniture?



DRAMA CLUB

First row—L. to R.—D. Stevens, R. Brown, P. Campbell, W. Crocker, D. Morris. Second row—L. to R.—C. LeDoux, S. Eggleston, D. Evans, W. Jones, M. Marckel, K. Lawhorne, M. Campbell, S. Massie, H. Hughes. Third row—L. to R.—S. Roach, R. Bruguiere, D. Campbell, L. Page, L. Green.





Opposite Page: Upper Left—Kathy prepares Chuck for his role in *Ten Little Indians.* Upper Right—Harold is transformed into his character by Theresa. Lower Right—The two remaining "Indians" begin to suspect each other. This Page: Lower Left—Warner makes his entrance in the One Act Play's rendition of *The Night Before Christmas.* Lower Right—Two stirring mice (Cindy and Debbie) recreate the story of *The Night Before Christmas.*

In Alphabetical order—S. Allen, L. Armentrout, B. Banks, S. Brandt, R. Brown, R. Bruguiere, D. Bryant, M. Campbell, P. Campbell, P. Carter, J. Collins, K. Crady, W. Crocker, J. Davis, L. DeHart, J. Dixon, B. Dodd, D. Dowdy, S. Eggleston, D. Evans, T. Fitzgerald, N. Franklin, K. Friend, J. Floyd, R. Floyd, R. Gleason, L. Green, B. Gordon, T. Harris, A. Hughes, C. Hughes, H. Hughes, L. Hughes, K. Iseman, A. Irving, J. Jenkins, K. Kokernot, K. Lawhorne, C. LeDoux, M. Marckel, L. Martin, B. Massie, S. Massie, D. McCormick, D. McNabb, D. Morris, D. Morse, J. Morse, S. Page, L. Page, S. Payne, T. Peregoy, S. Ponton, E. Purvis, S. Roach, H. Rodgers, R. Rowe, L. Rutherford, M. Saunders, T. Saunders, A. Scott, G. Sheffield, D. Simpson, F. Small, A. Stratton, P. Thompson, V. Thompson, J. Thornau, S. Toms, K. Ward, D. Washington, M. Watts, D. Witt, D. Usery.





This Page: Lower Left—Cast members of *Ten Little Indians* discuss mysterious occurences on Devon Island. Lower Right—Visitors to Devon Island get acquainted. Opposite Page: Upper Left—The officers of FBLA.



FBLA

The Future Business Leaders of America has one of its chapters at Nelson. The club is national and state affiliated, with chapters throughout the the United States.

The Future Business Leaders center their activities around five objectives. They are leadership training, fund raising, social activities, service (in school and in community projects), and learning activities. All activities this year were planned keeping these objectives in mind. Members were involved in selling candy in December and January.

Future Business Leaders participate in regional contests in business, including best typist, best stenographer, etc. In their February meeting a consumer quiz was given to all club members.

Each year the Future Business Leaders of America present a gift to the business department of Nelson High. This gift is in the form of an educational supply or some type of learning equipment.

Officers of FBLA are Freda Sheffield, president; Kaye Baldwin, vice-president; Chester Ferguson, secretary; Laura Armentrout, treasurer; and Sharon Toms, reporter.



First Row—L. to R.—B. Clark, J. Brogan, V. Sprouse, C. Franklin, D. Bradley, S. Ferguson, J. Rose, E. Woodson, E. Rose, L. Haggar, D. Revely, L. Henderson, C. Johnson, B. Vaughan. Second Row—L. to R.—D. Clark, M. Taylor, G. Bryant, K. Baldwin, S. Seaman, R. Falls, S. Fortune, D. Bryant, S. Payne, T. Orman, S. Morse, J. Smith, O. Sites, L. Rutherford, W. Browning, L. Armentrout, D. Morris, S. Toms, J. Collins, P. Thompson,. Third Row—L. to R.—M. Clark, F. Sheffield, M. Wade, C. Ferguson, R. Roberts, H. Thomas, K. Morse, C. Allen, D. Painter, D. Banton.

SCA

The objectives of the Student Cooperation Association are to build a bridge between the students and the faculty at Nelson, and to get the students involved in the working of the school. Officers try to take suggestions for the betterment of the school made by the students and turn them into reality.

A new idea this year was a student exchange between Fluvanna and Nelson County High Schools. Cynthia Wharam, a junior at Fluvanna, visited Nelson, while Anne Gordon, also a junior, observed Fluvanna.

For another project, the Building and Grounds committee planned to repaint the lines in the parking lot this spring. To help pay for thier projects, the Student Cooperative Association operated the snack machine in the cafeteria.

President Ronnie Campbell, Secretary Dale Smith, Reporter Sissie Payne, and Parliamentarian Marvin Barber, lost a "right arm" from the executive staff when Vice-President Anne Gordon moved to Fredericksburg with her family in January. Plans were made to elect a replacement from the homeroom representatives.





First row—L. to R.—D. Henderson, B. Brown, N. Spears, J. Morse, M. Morse, L. Rose, G. Epps, C. Scott, L. Green, T. Seaman, T. Saunders, D. Wood, F. Small, R. Campbell, C. Ferguson. Second row—L. to R.—A. Terry, S. Payne, J. Horsely, D. Bryant, W. Browning, D. Ashley, A. Hughes, H. Bradley, L. Raynor, J. Knight, R. Brown, K. Kokernot, K. Iseman, D. McCormick, P. Morris, R. Floyd, K. Fields, T. Hensley, R. Campbell, L. Martin, R. Campbell, A. Irving, B. Banks, L. Page, K. Friend, S. Lowe, S. Brandt, G. Morse, A. Patterson, D. Stratton, D. Smith, M. Marckel, K. Fitzgerald, A. Irving, C. Tyler, E. Woodson, T. Jackson, W. Crocker, (not pictured) R. Moon, P. Slosson.







Opposite Page: Upper Right—Mrs. Shelton argues a point. This Page: Upper Center—The officers preside over a regular meeting. Lower Left-SCA members held a going away party for former Vice-President Anne Gordon during January. Lower Right—Homeroom representatives distributed March of Dimes envelopes to help in the fight against birth defects.

FFA



The Future Farmers of America is an organization that encourages and teaches leadership training. It also focuses on practicing thrift; encouraging and promoting agricultural improvement; and creating and nurturing a love of county life.

Sponsored by Mr. Harris Puckett and Mr. Warren Hankins, the officers of FFA are W.C. Hughes, president; Wayne Irving, vice-president; Sammy Mawyer, secretary; Perry Coffey, treasurer; Anthony Perry, sentinel; Mike Aldridge, reporter; and Gerald Drumheller, chaplain. These officers compose the executive committee of the FFA, and lead the membership in its diverse projects.

One such project was called the "Beautification of American Communities." BOAC was responsible for the beautification of the school grounds. Community service was the aim of another project for the Peoples Bank of Nelson in Lovingston. The group also sold a variety of items in a fund-raising drive.

The Future Farmers of America is a nationally affiliated club. Its official colors of national blue and corn gold can be seen on the FFA jackets that are available to any member.

Within the FFA organization, any member can participate in Keep Virginia Green. KVG is a volunteer group, and its purpose is to hlep fight forest fires.



First Row—L. to R.—Mr. Pucket, W. Hughes, W. Irving, S. Moyer, P. Coffee, M. Aldridge, A. Perry, Mr. Hankins. Second Row—L. to R.—R. Harris, P. Thompson, D. Simpson, G. Pugh, D. Mays, H. Snead, G. Wells, B. Spencer, J. Hesson, H. O'Brian, R. Massie, J. Hoffman, S. Cash, K. Adams, B. Hoffman, D. Bond, B. Thompson, J. Early, R. Turner. Third Row—L. to R.—L. Saunders, R. Campbell, D. Duncan, R. Mars, R. Kirt, J. Morris, B. Tyree, G. Spencer, T. Hensley, M. Roberts, T. Boggs, M. Massie, B. Adams, S. Stevens, R. Glass, M. Smith, J. Gunter, M. Ragland, C. Paige. Fourth Row—L. to R.—P. Stevens, D. Purvis, D. Toms, T. Payne, H. Watts, J. Harris, J. Megginson, B. Bryant, M. Tunstall, B. Payne, D. Simpson, G. Turpin, R. Bibb, D. Usry, W. Ponton, T. Marks, G. Drumheller, R. McFadden, J. Ragland, W. Myers.

Opposite Page: Upper Right—Skills in craftsmanship are learned and practiced by FHA members. This Page: Upper Left—The officers of FHA.



FHA

The Nelson High Future Homemakers of America began a full year of activities at their first meeting which was held in October.

Under the guidance of sponsors Mrs. Nancy Parr and Mrs. Elma Giles, the officers of the 1973-74 term were Becky Woody, president; Donna Witt, vice-president; Diane Duncan, secretary; Janie Smith, treasurer; Debbie Bryant, reporter; and Christine Vaughn, historian. FHA Week was observed April 1-5 and the Action Project was called "Making Our World."

FHA activities this year included refreshments, skits based on Christmas customs in foreign countries, a panel on boy-girl relationships, a visit to a nursing home in February, a discussion and demonstration with a representative from a beauty school in March, a visit to Madison College's Homemaking Department in April, a tea for the teachers during FHA Week, and during May a visit to Natural Bridge.



First Row—L. to R.—B. Woody, G. Murphy, G. Moyer, C. Ponton, A. Terry, C. Ward, L. Ferguson, D. Revely, J. Stratton. Second Row—L. to R.—D. Durette, J. Floyd, D. Clark, D. Dennis, C. Allen, C. Hudson, B. Johnson, B. Vaughan, C. Johnson, S. Morse, L. Henderson, J. Green, C. Tyler. Third Row—L. to R.—Mrs. Parr, D. Showalter, M. Smith, J. Smith, D. Witt, D. Duncan, D. Bryant, M. Johnson, J. Brown, S. Morse, C. Vaughan, C. Robertson, P. Morse, P. Hill, Mrs. Giles.

GOVERNORS BAND



Percussion: R. Moon, J. Quick, K. Haywood, T. Seaman, I. Hughes, C. Yarborough, D. Wells, M. Tunstall, M. Jacques. Trombones: B. Bradley, R. Roberts, T. McKenzie, T. Dotson, R. Gleason, M. Cabbell, S. Cash, J. Hoffman. French Horns: M. Garwood, W. Ponton, L. Jones, J. Davis, S. Crocker, B. Campbell. Basses: V. Thompson, T. Page, R. Allen, S. Eggleston. Baritone Saxophones: R. Floyd, D. Ashley. Tenor Saxophones: J. McKenzie, S. Umbarger, S. Page. Alto Saxophones: S. Payne, P. Slosson, K. Wood, M. Stephens, S. Lowe, S. Jones, R. Glass, D. Wood. Flutes: J. Rodgers, K. Thompson, G. Saunders, D. Marshall, M. Watts, D. Ferguson, S. Wright, T. Harris, S. Terry. Baritones: W. Crocker, J. Massie, K. Mickens, K. Mawyer. Trumpets: J. Vest, J. Tucker, H. Thomas, D. Stewart, T. Branch, A. Mawyer, J. Wright, T. Dodd, M. Ponton, E. Saunders, B. Hoffman. Bass Clarinets: B. Banks, R. Silman, M. Revely. Alto Clarinet: L. Armentrout. Contra Alto Clarinet: R. Boggs. Oboe: Kaye Crady. Clarinets: D. Evans, D. Stevens, G. Epps, L. Martin, J. Jenkins, L. Page, J. Horsley, K. Fitzgerald, K. Wright, D. Simpson, C. McCormick, D. Spitler, C. Ward, K. Friend, T. Fitzgerald, D. Quick, S. Bryant, J. Horsley, W. Radcliffe, A. Tucker, D. Johnson.









Opposite Page: Upper Center—The marching band in field position. Lower Center—The variety of uniforms is modeled by Drum Major John Tucker, Flag Corp Commander Roberta Floyd, Wendell Ponton in a regular marching uniform, and Sarah Umbarger in the flag and rifle corp outfit. This Page: Upper Left—A trumpet trio was included in the marching exhibition at Buena Vista. Lower Center—The flag and rifle corps and commanders and the honor guard of the Governor band.



The NCHS Governor marching band is constantly improving. This fall, Drum Major John Tucker was seen at the front of a group whose appearance was radically changed. Roberta Floyd, sword in hand, manuevered the fourteen girl flag corps which made use of a number of new solid green, silk flash flags. Likewise, Debbie Stevens, solo rifle twirler, was in command of an eight member rifle drill team. This year, there was also the addition of an Honor Guard, consisting of an American flag, carried by Michelle Stephens and pistol-bearer Sandra Terry. Genevieve Moyer, solo batonist, brightened the half-time entertainment.

The Governor drum corps sported a different type of uniform during marching season. Dressed in black pants, white shoes, white, open-necked shirts with green collar and cuffs, gold ascots, and black leopard-skin—banded hats, they provided another much needed change in the overall appearance of the band.

In October, the marching band participated in Buena Vista's second Annual Band Day. They marched through a mile of Buena Vista streets at 10 a.m. and presented a field show in competitiion with other area bands later that afternoon.



This Page: Upper Left—Nelson is congratulated for winning first place in the field competition at Buena Vista. Upper Right—Kathy practices before rchearsal. Lower Right—The band officers. Opposite Page: Upper Left—Debbie presides over a meeting.





At the awards ceremony, Nelson captured a second place in parade marching and a first place in field competition. On learning this, several male band members hoisted "Tuck" and Mr. Phil Green, director, onto their shoulders and carried them to the busses, amidst the cheers of the rest of the band.

In November, the Governor band was the guest band at the Shriners Game in Lynchburg, Virginia. Also, a select group of band members played for the opening of the new People's Bank of Nelson in late November.

All-Regional Band was held on February 1,2, and 3 at Montevideo High School. The eight Nelson representatives were Suzanne Eggleston, Roberta Floyd, Johnny Vest, Harold Thomas, Brenda Banks, Warner Crocker, Diane Evans and Debbie Stevens.

Due to a district division, Nelson hosted Solo-Ensemble Festival in the spring of '74.

The concert season ended with the band's annual "Spring Fling."





SAE/FTA

When Future Teachers of America was first chartered in 1937, it was primarily concerned with encouraging students to consider teaching as a career. In May, 1973, the Future Teachers of America changed its name and its outlook, and became Student Action for Education. The transition was caused by the need for more effective communications between teachers and students; the benefits of a sensitive and creative school environment; and the desire for student participation in molding their education. SAE/FTA offers students the opportunity to explore different careers in education, and also a chance to make their individual education more meaningful. SAE/FTA has nearly 4,000 chapters' nationwide and is available to juniors and seniors.

During National Education Week, SAE/FTA, sponsored by Mrs. Shirley Wright, worked with the SCA in providing the faculty with afternoon refreshments. Members took part in a candy drive to raise money for a one hundred dollar scholarship, which is presented to a student planning to enter the teaching profession. In the spring of 1974, SAE/FTA visited the Education Department of various colleges in the area.



Seated–L. Chafee, D. Stevens, J. McKenzie. L. to R.–P. Myers, S. Massie, T. Harris, D. Ashley, G. Hutchinson, Mrs. Wright (sponsor), M. Hutchinson, B. Banks, A. Gordon, K. Fields.

CHORUS



First row—L. to R.—D. McNabb, T. Harris, M. Stephens, J. Tucker, M. Harrell, P. Carter, W. Kidd, K. Goff, B. Martin, P. Gaines, C. Fields, H. Rodgers. Second row—L. to R.—Mrs. Truesdale (sponsor), A. Irving, P. White, J. Bell, A. Irving, P. Tucker, P. Irving, D. Weeks, S. Woodson, J. Irving, J. Mitchell, M. Fleming. Third row—L. to R.—D. Glover, R. Kidd, G. Beverly, C. Kidd, D. Rose, A. Rose, C. Vest, A. Godsey, R. Tucker, P. Campbell, R. Toms, S. Bryant, D. McCormick, M. Fleming, K. Martin. Fourth row—L. to R.—B. Campbell, W. Campbell, J. Ross, M. Barber, W. Ellis, L. Bowling, J. Turner, B. Vaughn, J. Brown, P. Foster, S. Gunter.





Opposite Page: Lower Left—Members of first period Chorus look over their scores. Lower Right—Mrs. Truesdale becomes familiar with her music scores before beginning class. This Page: Upper Left—Beany picks out the bass line for several gentlemen from second period Chorus. Lower Right—Bennie, Cindy, and Debbie represented Nelson County at the District V Regional Chorus.



Once again, in 1973-74, the fifty-seven—member Nelson County High School Chorus has been on the move. A Chorus Clinic was held on October 16 at the high school. Dr. John R. Shannon, Professor of Music at Sweet Briar College, was engaged for the workshop. Students worked on voice parts, tone qualtity, and expressiveness.

Performances of the Nelson Chorus included the Thanksgiving program at Nelson Junior High. Due to the unexpected snowstorm, the chorus was forced to cancel the Christmas concert.

The Regional Chorus had a change of policy this year, with members selected by audition rather than being sent by delegation from each school. For the students, this translated into a November trip to Harrisonburg, where several chorus members were tested in music theory and in performance. When the results came in, three Nelsonians had been selected. Cindy Fields, Debbie Williams, and Bennie Dodd made their plans to travel to Robert E. Lee High School on February 15-17.

A highlight for many students was the Solo and Ensemble Day, held this year at Amherst on March 23. There, students received a rating for a selection of their choice.

A new type of performance for 1973-74 was the Junior-Senior Recital. This formal performance was presented March 28 and involved those who have been in Chorus four years or more.

The Spring Concert was held on May 23 at 8:00 p.m. This concert found the chorus members in formal attire.









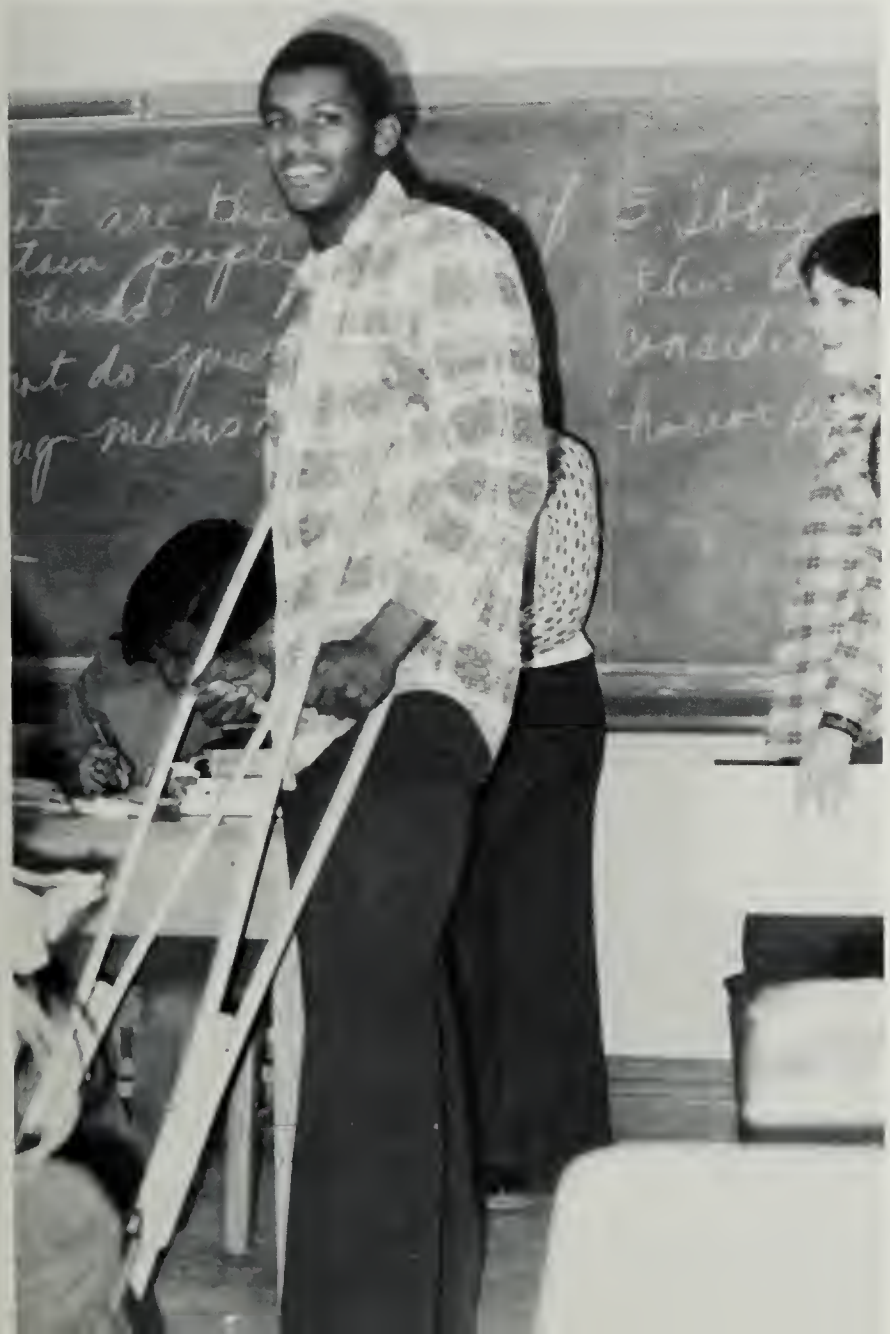


This Page: Upper Left—Winky directs the group on "Somebody Bigger Than You and I." Upper Right—Beany plays by ear on the eighty-eight keys. Lower Left—The alto section is presented with their scores. Lower Right—Debbie accompanies the chorus in practice and concerts. Opposite Page: Lower Left—FNA members learn about treating casualties like Dewey's pulled tendon. Center Right—The officers of FNA.

FNA



First row—L. to R.—M. Hutchinson, G. Hutchinson, N. Spears, B. Vaughan, P. Foster, K. Allen, S. Page, L. Campbell. Second row—L. to R.—J. Green, P. Foster, D. Robinson, L. Cabel, D. Durett, V. Limes, P. Hansen, C. Vaughan, P. Carter, T. Thomas, K. Kidd, K. Fitzgerald.





The Future Nurses Club is an organization for students who are interested in a career in nursing or other health-related fields, to help the members obtain information and knowledge in health careers.

The club receives representatives from various schools and colleges to present information on their particular health field, social work, associate degree in nursing, professional nurse, licensed practical nurse, environmental health, and medical technology.

Officers of the Future Nurses Club are Darlene Small, president; Kathy Fitzgerald, vice-president; Stephanie Page, secretary; Patricia Morse, treasurer; and Evelyn Eubanks, reporter.




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SPORTS



First Row—L. to R.—W. Durette, M. Aldridge, T. Boggs, K. Haywood, B. Campbell, R. Ragland, T. Beverly, M. Timberlake, J. Fields, H. Hughes, D. Martin, E. Martin, Second Row—L. to R.—C. Thompson, E. Glover, L. Rose, L. Lockett, M. Timberlake, H. Watts, M. Jacques, F. Clark, D. Drumheller, W. Miles, C. Robinson, G. Slosson, V. Reznick, A. Harris, D. Wood, Third Row—L. to R.—L. Awkard, M. Johnson, B. Caughey, L. Blevins, M. Gamble, B. Massie, B. Dodd, J. Massie, C. Scott, D. Robinson, B. Brown, R. Small, B. Williams, V. Powell, W. Myers, A Perry.

The 1973 Governors began a vigorous season in August, with practices both at home and at camp. The forty-seven member squad traveled to Camp Pickett, in Blackstone on August 25 for a week of workouts.

Head Coach Herman Allen, along with Charles League, Jack Sellers, and Vernon Wood composed the staff of coaches.

Nelson's chief weapons in its gridiron warfare were a fine defensive line, with size, experience, and speed, excellent receivers, and a group of backs capable of moving the ball.

Three backs returning from last year were also star lettermen—seniors Beany Campbell and Ronnie Ragland, the former having rushed for over 1,000 yards during the 1972 season, and the latter being one of the biggest backs in the district at 230 pounds, and junior Larry Rose, who gained more than 600 yards last year.

The chief receivers for the Governors were sophomore Chris Scott, senior Keith Haywood, and junior Hugh Watts.

The kicking duties were co-handled by Hugh Watts, who filled the punting job, and senior Tim Boggs, who managed the extra point and field goal tasks.

Freshman Marty Johnson and junior Mike Timberlake alternated the position quarterback.

The Governors, at the start of the season, were considered to be one of the two best teams in the Seminole District, the other being the defending Seminole District Champions, the Brookville Bees. These two teams were pitted against each other in the opening bout of the season of September 7, with Nelson playing host. The match was speculated as possibly being the deciding game for the district title.



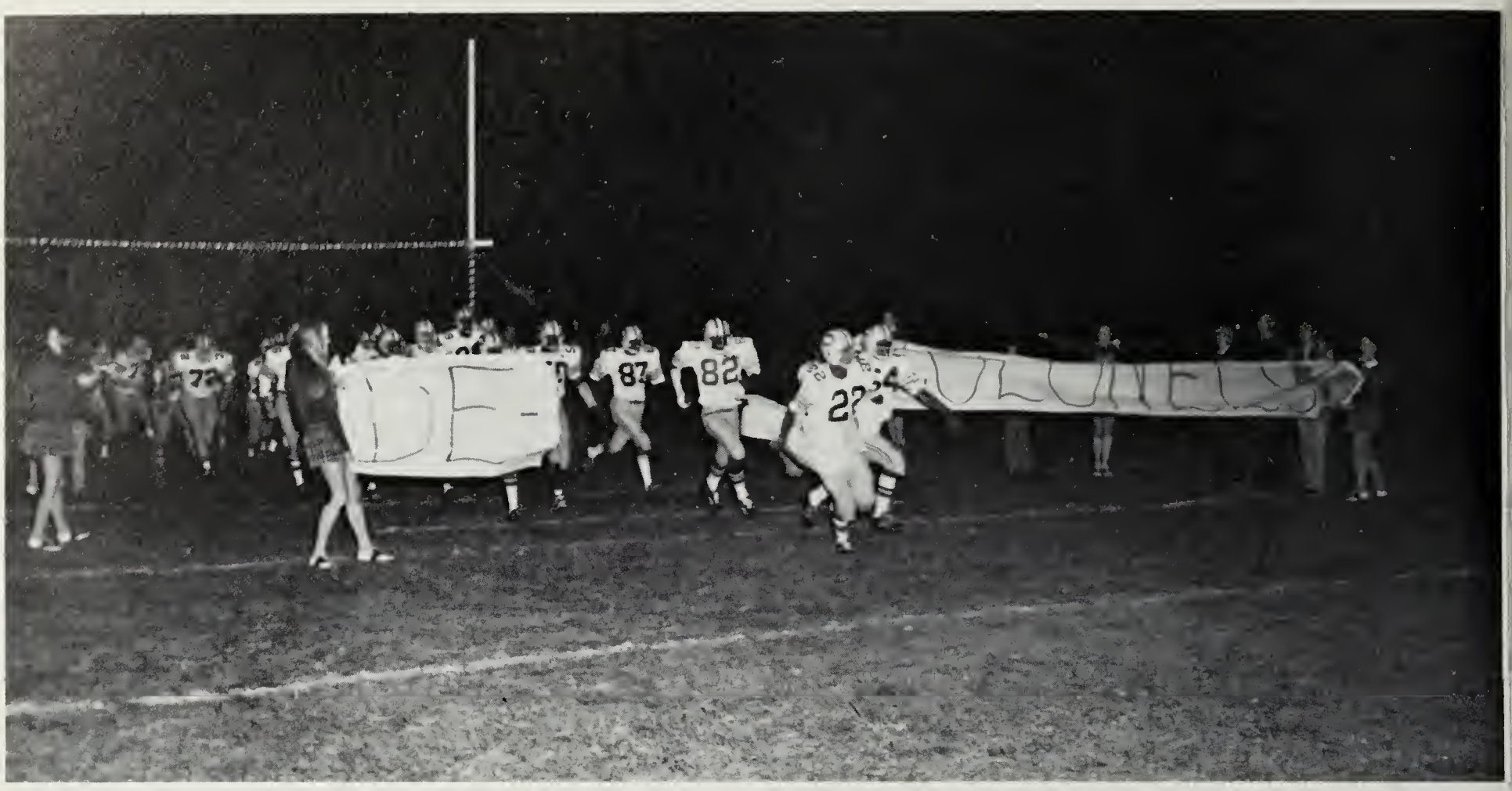
NELSON ENDS WITH 6-3-1







Opposite page: Top—NCHS Varsity Football Team. Bottom—Beany Campbell and Ronnie Ragland lead the Governors onto the field. This page: Upper Left—The Governors work hard at practice. Lower Left—Dewey Wood leads the Governors out of the locker room. Right—Governors watch the action on the practice field.



The Brookville Bees came to Veterans Memorial Field for a showdown with Nelson. The Governors took the initiative in the first quarter, when Beany Campbell scored on a four-yard drive. With 1:16 showing on the clock in the second quarter, the Brookville quarterback scrambled across the goal line to tie the score at halftime. After a defensive duel in a scoreless third quarter, a Nelson fumble set up the Bee's winning touchdown late in the fourth quarter. Although the Nelson squad definitely outplayed Brookville statistically, with more first downs, rushing and passing yardages, the score, much to the chagrin of Nelson fans, was 14-7 in Brookville's favor.

The next week, the Governors journeyed to William Campbell, where Beany Campbell and Larry Rose starred on the ground, and Marty Johnson, who had replaced an injured Mike Timberlake, led the aerial game. Nelson held the game in its grip throughout, and the final tally was 28-0.

Jefferson Forest was Nelson's next contender. The Governors compiled 350 yards in total offensive plays, while the defense picked off six interceptions, three of which were grabbed by senior Dennis Martin. Nelson vanquished the Cavaliers 34-6. The Governors returned home for a non district clash with Amherst which the Lancer won 33-13.

The Raider of Appomattox conceded to give Nelson a downhill slide to triumph. The Governor's tight defense pushed the Raiders to a minus 11 yards rushing, and only 24 yards in the air. Nelson sacked Appomattox, 40-0.



This Page: Top—Governors burst through to begin the game. Bottom—Nelson scores a touchdown. Opposite Page: Upper Left—Nelson's defense stops Altavista. Upper Right—Larry Rose breaks away for a touchdown. Bottom—Governors are absorbed in the action on the field.







This Page: Left—NCHS Varsity Football Managers are Margaret Morse, Sarah Massie, John Ed Baker, and Donnie Smith. Upper Right—Coach Allen, Coach Wood, and Coach Sellers watch the plays attentively. Lower Right—Nelson's defense guards our territory. Opposite Page: Top—The coaches and players wait for the game to begin during Altavista's time-out. Bottom—Coach Coach Wood displays a pleased response.











History seemed to be repeating itself, as Rustburg and Nelson, in a race for second place in the district, were tired at 20-20 late in the fourth quarter. In the 1972 season, Nelson had successfully attempted a field goal and won 23-20. With seconds remaining in the game, Tim Boggs set up for a field goal which would win the game and possibly secure second place. Unfortunately, history did not complete a full cycle, as the ball hit the cross bar and bounced back into the playing field. The two teams settled for the tie, and Rustburg remained one-half a game behind Nelson in the Seminole standings.

Gretna was the scene of the next Governor match. Beany Campbell led Nelson's scoring with a burst of 22 points in the third quarter. Nelson routed the Hawks, 29-0.

The Homecoming game, on November 2, was played against Altavista. Beany Campbell made another outstanding performance, as he rushed for four touchdowns and 153 total yards. Marty Johnson contributed 128 yards of passing, including touchdown deliveries of 45 and 20 yards to Keith Haywood and Chris Scott.. Junior Dewey Wood recovered an Altavista fumble to run 15 yards for still another touchdown. The defensive team held Altavista to only 46 total yards in offensive plays. Final score: 46-0.

The final game of the season matched Nelson with the Minute-men of Liberty. The Liberty defense and key plays by individual Minutemen overwhelmed the Governors. The Liberty victory of 6-0 was the only shutout of the year for the Governors, and the loss knocked Nelson down to a final fourth place position in the Seminole district.

JV's CONCLUDE WITH 7-2 RECORD











First Row—L. to R.—W. Turner—Manager, R. Massie, G. Watts, A. Patrick, R. Purvis, C. Baker, R. Campbell, S. Raines, P. Martin, M. Drumheller, W. Watts—Manager. Second Row—L. to R.—G. Hughes, W. Mayo, I. Hughes, G. Hamilton, T. Marks, R. Ponton, S. Wood, L. Ayers, C. Wood, G. Drumheller, M. Wood, A. Johnson—Manager. Third Row—L. to R.—D. Harris, J. Gains, T. Saunders, C. Moxley, M. C. Small, D. Wood, T. Baker, J. Gray, J. Scott, B. Gordon, J. Viar, T. Dotson.



Opposite Page: Upper Left—Coach Bennett, Coach Lange, and Coach Sellers advise and watch their team. Upper Right—Nelson over William Campbell 24 to 6. Center—The team expresses enthusiasm after a victory. Bottom—Nelson scores a touchdown. This Page: Top—NCHS J.V. Football Team. Bottom—T. B. Baker carries the ball.

After winning the Seminole District Championshio for two consecutive years, the Lieutenant Governors optimistically began another season.

The Jay Vees were under the direction of Head Coach Charles Bennett, and Assistant Coaches Kevin Sellers and John Lange. Co-Captains for the squad were Thomas Baker, Donald Wood, and Mark Drumheller.

The offensive team was head up by the outstanding performances of James Gray, Thomas Baker, the team's leading rusher and best offensive player, and Gerald Drumheller, the quarterback for the Lieutenant Governors. The Jay Vees scored a total of 216 points in 1973.

Defense proved a determining factor in the team's outcome. The Jay Vees allowed an average of only four points to be scored against them all season, and shut out four other teams. Prominent figures on the defensive team were Dale Harris, and eighth-grade linebacker; Freshmen Preston Martin, cornerback; Mark Drumheller, defensive tackle; Chris Moxley, linebacker; and Terry Dotson, middle guard.

The Lieutenant Governors completed their game roster for 1973 with a 6-2 record, and third place in the district standings.

JV's SPRING WITH SPIRIT

The 1973-74 Junior Varsity Cheerleading Squad followed the Nelson pattern of change and modernization. Their basketball uniforms were changed to green jumpers with gold blouses and gold knee socks. From the large number of girls who put their best foot forward in try-outs, two sophomores and four freshmen were chosen for the squad.

The Jay Vee Cheerleaders had practice after school once a week and attended various games on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday nights. These games began at 6:30 p.m., and the girls were there to see that it started off with a bang.

Sponsored by Miss Becky Bane, the Jay Vee Cheerleading squad participated in various activities. They sold buttons during Homecoming Week and sold programs at the football games for the athletic department. They also helped The Varsity squad encourage the crowd during games and alternated with them for away games.











L. to R.—Janet Mitchell, Freshman; Darlene Small, Sophomore; Sue Woodson, Freshman; Sandra Jones, Freshman—Captain; Susan Crocker, Freshman; Theodora Jackson, Sophomore Co-captain.







Opposite Page: Upper Right—Squad members cheer for a pep rally during football season. Lower Center—Janet and Theodora, Susan and Sandra, and Darlene and Sue demonstrate various stunts. This Page: Lower Left—Miss Bane, sponsor, and Sandra Jones, Captain. Center Right—The Jay Vee cheerleaders mingle with the opposition's squad. Lower Right—Sue, Susan, and Sandra fill time between school and practice with Cokes and talk.

The 1973-74 Varsity Cheerleaders were responsible for achieveing and maintaining school spirit before and during Governor games and track meets.

During the course of the school year, the original nine cheerleaders decreased in number to seven.

For the second consecutive year, the cheerleaders traveled to cheerleading camp, held at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia. This year, the athletic department paid the expenses for the group. The proceeds from the cheerleaders car wash in the summer and the sale of pompoms and buttons during football season went toward the atletic department's funds.

The Governor cheerleaders improved their fashion image with new green and gold plaid pep rally uniforms. Also, Debbie Morris wore a solid green skirt, while the others wore plaid skirts, to designate her as head cheerleader.

With the gas crunch of the energy crisis, the varsity cheerleaders began to alternate their trips to away basketball games with the junior varsity cheerleaders. This gave each squad the responsibility of leading cheers for both the Jay Vee and Varsity teams.

After a year of hard work, the members of the squad are eligible for membership in the Varsity Club.

Mrs. Nancy Morgan is the squad's sponsor.





Bottom—L. to R.—Ruth Profitt, Junior; Sharon Allen, Senior; Debbie Hurst, Junior; Debbie Morris, Senior Captain; Mary Campbell, Senior Co-captain. Top—L. to R.—Kim Fields, Junior; Linda Martin, Sophomore; Karen Tyree, Sophomore.

HIGH SPIRITS SEASONED BY CHEERLEADERS











Opposite Page: Upper Right—Part of the cheerleaders' responsibility of boosting spirit lies in poster construction. This Page: Upper Left—Mrs. Morgan talks with some of the squad during practice. Upper Right—Debbie Mary, and Debbie encourage the team from the sideline. Center Left—Brookville joins Nelson in a friendship circle. Lower Right—Practices result in the polished performance of the cheerleading squad. Lower Left—Stunts highlight the motions of cheers.

SPORTS INCREASE WITH VOLLEYBALL







This Page: Left—The volleyball is served by Debbie Morse. Upper Right—The Governettes in action as they play. Lower Right—Teresa Sheffield leaps up to return the ball over the net. Opposite Page: Top—The Governettes break the huddle to begin the game. Bottom—NCHS Volleyball Team.



Rarely does a year pass at Nelson that something new is not added and 1973-74 was no exception. Volleyball was added to the girl's varsity sports. It provided the students with another choice of athletics and gave them another opportunity to participate in varsity sports.

The Volleyball team consists of 12 people with six of these on the court. In order to champion a game, the team has to win two out of three matches. Each match consists of 15 points.

Coach Greene was pleased at the turnout for volleyball tryouts. They had after-school practices but the gym was not always available and weather permitting, practice was held outside of the school. Although record scores were not prevalent, the Governettes displayed fine playing and represented their school well in sportsmanship.

Outstanding players noted by Coach Greene are sophomores Theresa Sheffield, and juniors Debbie Morse, and Joyce Tucker. All of the team displayed enthusiasm for the game, but these three were outstanding in their playing and their spirit. Coach Greene hopes for a better season next year as many of this year's veterans will be returning and will have valuable experience.



First Row—L. to R.—J. Tucker, L. Henderson, P. Tucker, P. Thompson, D. Woodson, D. Morse, A. Tucker, D. Truslow, S. Page, K. Kokernot, T. Sheffield, C. Tyler—Manager. Front—Coach A. Greene.

LT. GOVERNORS TAKE FOURTH

The Lieutenant Governors, led by veteran coach Jim Garwood and co-captains Mark Gamble and Danny Henderson, secured a regular season record of twelve wins and seven losses. The much-improved won-lost tabulation was good enough for a fourth place district finish and entitled the Jay Vees to a place in the Seminole District Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament.

In the first round of the play-offs, the Lieutenant Governors tangled with the Baby Hawks of Gretna. The Nelson team led throughout most of the game, but in the latter part of the fourth quarter, the Gretna Jay Vees demolished a nine point Nelson lead and won the game, 53-52.

One of the better Jay Vees performances came at the second Brookville game, played on Brookville's home court. A collective team effort won the game with a Nelson Junior Varsity record of 98 points. Also, Clinton Smith, 6'4" center, established another new Junior Varsity record of 51 points.

One of the most exciting games of the year was played in the Nelson gymnasium against the non-conference Amherst team. The Lieutenant Governors had a slight point advantage over the Baby Lancers for much of the game. However, in the final few seconds, the Amherst team tied the score 61-61. The game went into overtime and, with a frenzied Nelson crowd screaming their support, the tricky Nelson Jay Vees sneaked by the Lancer Jay Vees 66-65.

Clinton Smith and Danny Henderson were the team's high scorers for the year with totals of 333 and 266 points for the year, respectively. Smith's cummulative average per game was 17.5 and Henderson's was 14.0.





First Row—L. to R.—A. Irving—Manager, D. Henderson, L. Lockett, J. Smith—Manager. Second Row—L. to R.—Coach Garwood, W. Henderson, M. Gamble, C. Dodd, C. Smith, J. Quick, L. McGuire, R. Allen.









Opposite Page: Upper Right—Mark Gamble shoots from the foul line. Lower Center—NCHS Jay Vee Basketball Team. This Page: Upper Center—The team is the center of attention at a pep rally. Center Left—Coach Garwood and Stark get involved on the sidelines. Lower Left—Danny Henderson attempts a foul shot. Lower Right—The Lt. Governors stretch high for a rebound.



First Row–L. to R.–D. Stratton, L. Miles–co-captains. Second Row–L. to R.–Coach Nimmo, K. Friend, D. Smith, D. Ferguson, A. Gordon, G. Bryant, C. Parrish, R. Silman, K. Fitzgerald, S. Hancock–scorekeeper, K. Carter–manager.

The 1973 Governettes basketball team blossomed out this year with a 7-5 record. This is the second year in which the team has been the only one from the Seminole District to particpate in fall basketball.

The team consisted of two freshmen, Robin Silman and Kathy Friend; and two sophomores, Dale Smith and Kathy Fitzgerald; four juniors, Cheryl Parish, Darlene Ferguson, Gail Bryant, and Ann Gordon; and two seniors, Lynette Miles and Diane Stratton, returning seven players from last year. These girls joined together to enable the Nelson County High School Governettes to travel to the district playoffs at E. C. Glass High School.

Senior co-captain Lynette Miles led the team's scoring throughout the season by averaging 15 points per game. During the game between the Governettes and E. C. Glass Hilltoppers, Lynnette Miles reached her goal of 500 points. The game was halted and Lynette was awarded the game ball by Coach Connie Nimmo. Dale Smith followed up Lynette's average with an average of twelve points per game.



GIRLS DRIBBLE TO SUCCESS







Opposite Page: Top—NCHS Girls Basketball Team. Bottom—The Governettes warm up before the game. This Page: Upper Left—Lynette Miles has control of the ball. Lower Left—The Governettes talk it over before they start. Right—Coach Nimmo talks at a pep rally.



The Governettes pulled together, forming a strong team to beat Lane High School 41-37 after an earlier defeat for Nelson of 44-41. The team was faced with another narrow loss when they were defeated by the E. C. Glass Hilltoppers on Nelson's court.

The first game of the tournament held at E. C. Glass High School in Lynchburg, Virgina, found the NCHS Governettes determined and ready to smear Goochland. Nelson and Goochland battled on the court with both teams leading on and off. However, Goochland gained control of the ball during the last minutes of the game giving Nelson an upsetting defeat of 38-43.

Sophomore Dale Smith proved to be a most outstanding player with her backup guarding Lynette Miles. Dale suffered a leg injury during the season, but her determination and spirit kept her battling on the court.



This Page: Top—The Governettes are honored at a pep rally. Bottom—Co-captains, Lynette Miles and Diane Stratton, say a few words at the pep rally. Opposite Page: Upper Left—Coach Nimmo distributes instructions to the team. Upper Right—Sabrina Hancock accurately keeps score. Middle Right—The huddle breaks. Bottom—Gail Bryant shoots from the foul line.



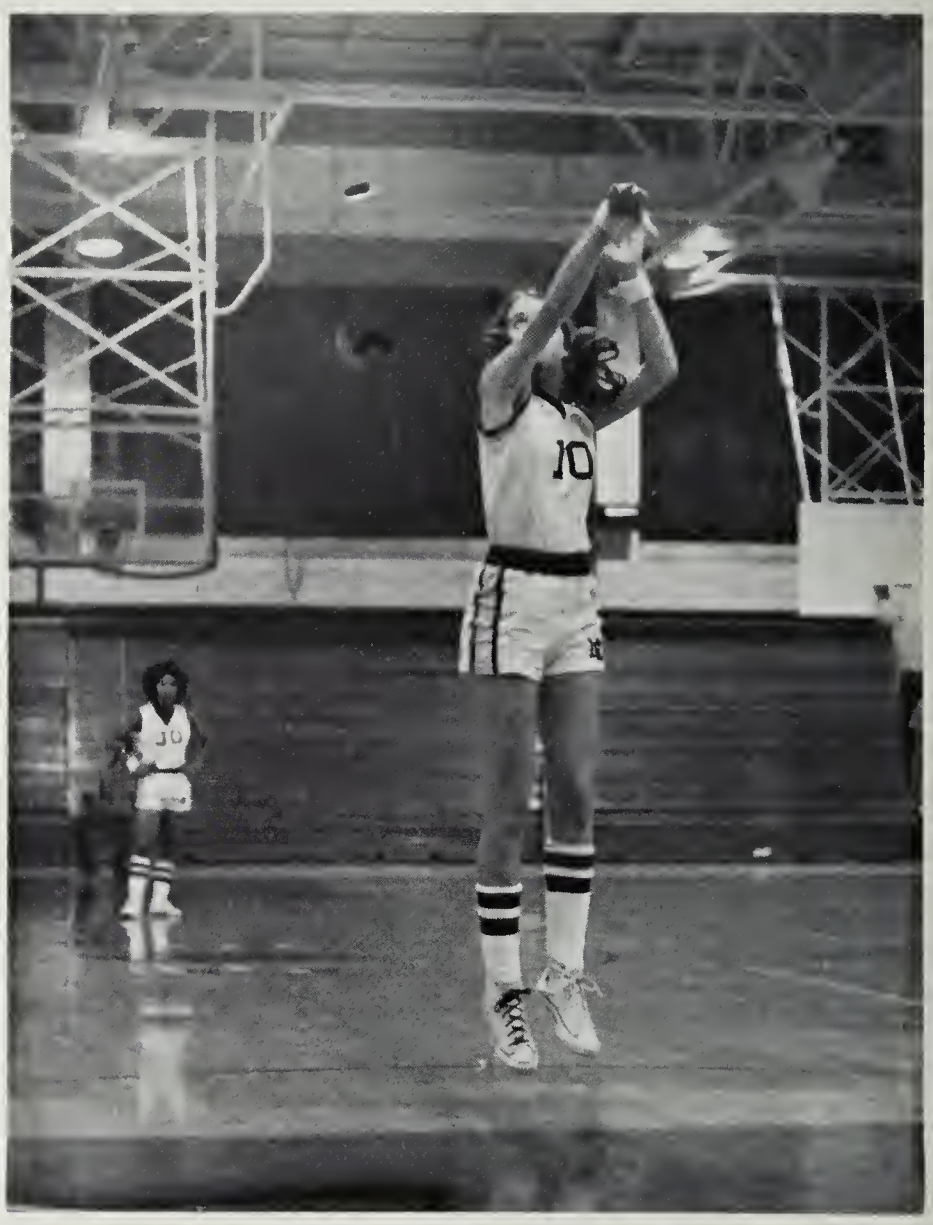





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This Page: Left—Dale Smith releases a shot. Upper Right—Anne Gordon shoots from the foul line. Lower Right—The team huddles during a pep rally. Opposite Page: Upper Center—Players, coach, and managers watch from the sideline. Lower Left—Lynette Miles fires the ball despite the efforts of Goochland players.











Senior co-captain Diane Stratton constantly came through with her shooting ability giving added support to the team and lessening the worries of defeat.

Junior center Gail Bryant was invaluable for her retreiving jump balls. Junior Ann Gordon also showed outstanding improvement throughout the entire season. On several different occasions freshman Kathy Friend substituted for Lynette Miles. Throughout the season Kathy showed alert aggressiveness. Kathy will provide added skills and invaluable experience to next year's Governette team.

The Nelson Governettes finished the 1973 season with outstanding showmanship. The girls exhibited great determination to win and constantly displayed good sportsmanship. According to Coach Nimmo, the experience gained by freshmen and sophomore players will make for a powerful and exciting team next fall.

GOVERNORS CLIMB TO REGIONALS











First Row—L. to R.—K. Friend—Manager, K. Haywood, K. Lawhorne, A. Perry, L. Rose, D. Woods, E. Martin, D. Stratton—Manager. Second Row-L. to R.—K. Napier—Manager, T. Fleming, L. Napper, C. Scott, J. Smith, T. Beverly, J. Campbell, W. Napper, Coach Sprinkle.



Nelson Basketball became a source of pride and excitement to fans in the 1973-74 season. As no one from last year's team was lost in graduation, all ten lettermen returned. The lettermen included William Napper, the state AA scoring leader. In February, 1973, Napper became the first sophomore to compile 1000 points in his school career, averaging 27.2 points per game.

Besides "Wonderful William," who was one of the starting forwards, sophomore James Smith filled in the other forward position. Smith had started in the forward position as a freshman, and led the team in rebounding. Beany Campbell, Edgar Martin, and Leroy Napper backed up William and James as forwards.

Sophomore Chris Scott was the starting center of the Nelson squad. Tom Beverly followed Scott at the center position.

The two lettermen filling the guard position(s) were Winky Campbell and Keith Haywood. Versatile Dewey Wood doubled as either a forward or a guard. Larry Rose was another back-up guard. Kenny Lawhorne, Tyrone Feming, and Anthony Perry also held down guarding jobs.

Coach Allen Sprinkle was assisted in his third year as head coach by Willie Grey, a former Nelson superstar in his own right.

Opposite Page: Upper Left—Nelson formulates a plan during a time-out. Upper Right—William prepares to add another basket to his record-breaking total. Center Right—Coaches Gray and Sprinkle watch their coaching become good performance from the sidelines. Lower Center—Larry is rewarded with a foul shout against Brookville. This Page: Upper Center—NCHS Varsity Basketball Team. Lower Left—James outjumps his opponent at center court.

Basketball began for Nelson when the Governors met Altavista. The Nelson win of 77-70 was fairly close. In the first home game, William Campbell proved to be an easy opponent. The game became no contest and Nelson won, 70-46. Many second and third string team members were substituted, and Nelson maintained its lead. In this game Keith Haywood was the high scorer with 18 points and seven assists. Edgar Martin turned in the best individual performance in his brief time of playing with his scoring, rebounding, stealing, blocking, and assisting. Nelson made 51% of the shots attempted.

Jefferson Forest, Staunton River, and Appomattox were the next three competitors to challenge Nelson. These three matches were far from difficult, as indicated by the final scores: Nelson–80, Jefferson Forest–59; Nelson–73, Staunton River–52; and Nelson–70, Appomattox–47.

The game with Liberty turned out to be the last before January, as the other scheduled games were postponed due to bad weather. Nelson came through to assure the victory, 73-67.

The Governors met Brookville on January 8. With the defeat over Brookville, Nelson moved to a 7-0 record. In the game, Nelson took the upperhand from the beginning; the end result was settled in the third period in which Nelson had a 50-26 lead. The final score closed in a little, but not much, 81-64.











Opposite Page: Upper Right—James rises above the press to shoot. Lower Center—Governors talk over the game plan before a Gretna foul shot. This Page: Upper Left—The super seven of the Nelson squad display their game winning style. Lower Right—Coach Sprinkle addresses the student body during a basketball pep rally. Center Right—William creates an odd position as the ball is released.

After the Rustburg game, which Nelson won 63-56, Amherst came to Nelson for a non-district contest. The game was a disappointment to Nelson as the Governors suffered their first defeat, 71-75. William Napper scored 43 points to tie the school record set by Billy League. Then, a match with Gretna was put away by Nelson, 70-41.

Due to an automobile accident, Napper was incapacitated for the William Campbell game. However, because the Generals were not too tough, a Napper-less Nelson still won, 55-49. The Colonels of Altavista served the Governors their first district defeat, 39-50, with Napper scoring only 4 points. Napper returned for the game with Appomattox to gain 29 points. After the first three minutes, Nelson never trailed, and the victorious final score was 79-67.

Jefferson Forest followed this game and was defeated, 86-50. Against Staunton River, Nelson compiled 100 points in the final tally, with Kenny Lawhorne sinking the one hundredth point, to the Eagles' 62 points. This was the highest number of points collected in the 1973-74 season. Nelson followed up by defeating Gretna, 94-82. Napper scored 51 points in this game to set a new school record.

For the first time in Nelson's history, the Governors captured the Seminole District title for a Nelson basketball championship by defeating the Rustburg Red Devils, 69-64. Nelson went to Brookville next in a close match which the Governors won, 78-76. For the final game before the Tournament, Nelson played host to Liberty. The Minutemen inched by the Governors, to give Nelson its second district loss, 65-67.

Nelson breezed through the Seminole District Tournament, and played the championship match against Altavista. The outcome showed Nelson the victor, 57-54. Nelson possessed both the regular season and tournament crowns.

The Regionals were held at the Roanoke-Salem Civic Center from February 28 through March 2. On the first night, Nelson was matched against Lord Botetourt. The Governors gained steam in the second half and won, 73-57. On March 1, Nelson returned to the court to do battle with Tunstall. Tunstall's dominant defense overwhelmed the Nelson squad, as the Governors were defeated, 66-60.

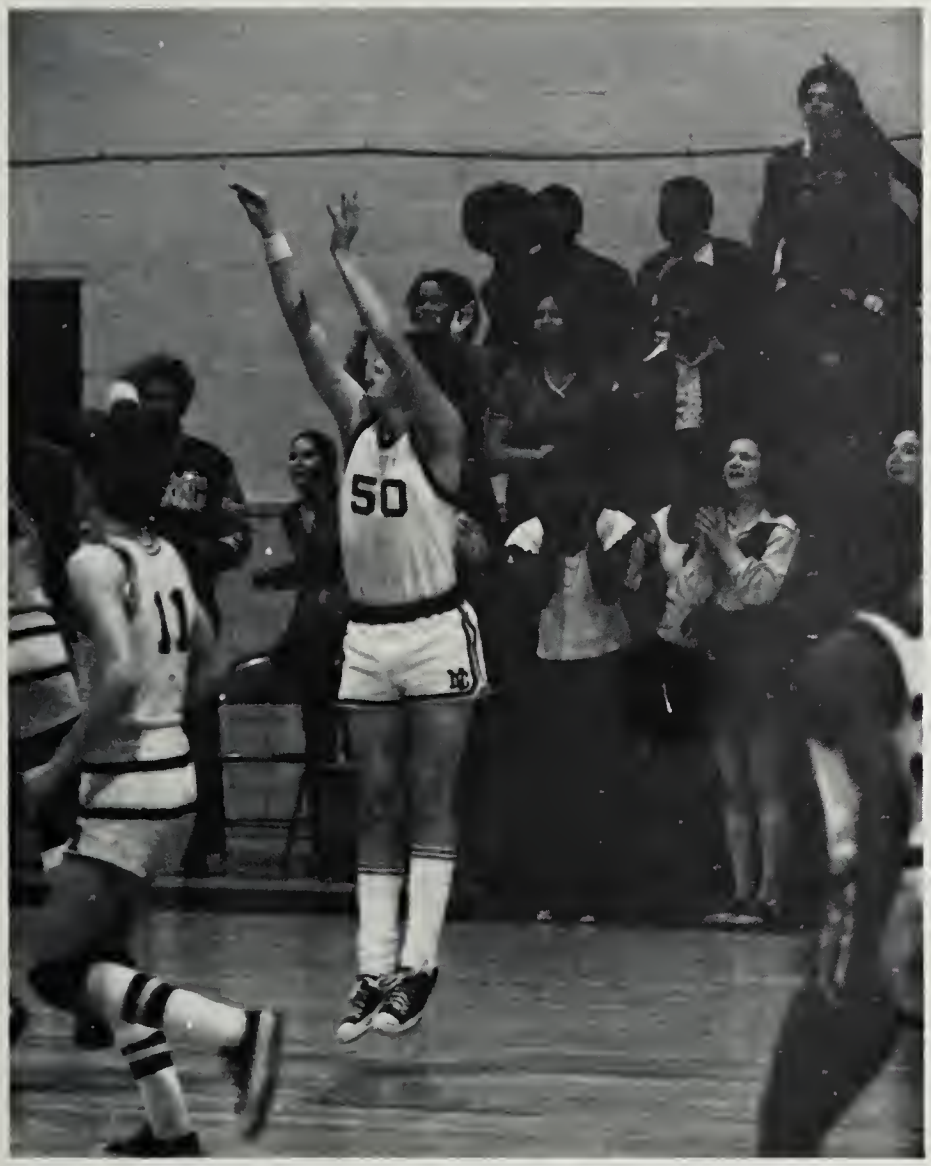
Although Nelson's state championship hopes were vanquished, the 1973-74 record remains the best ever to emerge from Nelson. The team and coaches are to be congratulated on a superlative season.

William Napper averaged 28.1 points per game at the end of the regular season. Napper, Haywood, and Beverly will graduate this spring, a fact which will injure the team next year.













Opposite Page: Upper Right—The exerted effort of possessing the ball shows in William's face. Lower Right—The team receives guidance and encouragement from its coach. This Page: Upper Center—The team is aligned along the wall during a pep rally. Lower Left—Kenny scores the one-hundredth point against Staunton River. Center Right—The basketball officials sit on their all-seeing perch. Lower Left—Despite his competition, Chris tips the ball in for two points.

GOLF UP TO PAR



First Row—L. to R.—T. Dodd, G. Slosson, J. Morris. Second Row—L. to R.—C. Dodd, Coach Wood, K. Lawhorne, D. Stewart.

With many of its team returning this year, the golf team at NCHS has experience among its qualities. Its second year in existence, the golf team is a relatively new sport at Nelson. Since it is a non-contact sport and there is no girls' golf team, both sexes are eligible to tryout for the team. The members are required to have their own golf clubs and equipment. The practices for tryouts started March 1, at Winton.

The games varied with the teams, with Altavista as the powerhouse and Liberty close behind. The home games were played at Winton, while most of the away games were played at Cedar Hills in Lynchburg.

Coach Wood commented about the team saying that golf as a sport was fairly new to the county, and this was the area where many schools held the advantage over Nelson. However, he says he has high hopes for the future and expects Nelson to be highly competitive in golf in coming years.



This Page: Upper Center—NCHS Golf team. Lower Right—A future Jack Nicklaus or Lee Trevino practices his driving stroke. Opposite Page: Upper Left—Warm-ups are part of the ritual of any workout. Center Left—Runners and coach relationships prosper during practice. Lower Center—NCHS Girls' Track Team.





GIRLS RETAIN QUALITY PROGRAM

When the spring sun first peeps over the Nelson track, young lasses shed their winter inactivity to sprint, to hurdle, to put, and to relay. These lasses comprise the girls track team.

Building from her three previous seasons, Coach Nimmo offers a strong track program for NCHS girls. This year's team boasted returning trophy-women Dale Smith, Patsy Morris, and Lynette Miles.

Our track women compete with the three other teams of the Seminole District as well as with AAA Amherst and E.C. Glass. The Regional Tournament is nonclassed and requires a qualifying time of each entrant.

Although the sport, because of seasonal scheduling, must compete with softball, baseball, and boys' track, Coach Nimmo and her "cinder-ellas" are retaining the quality identity that is synonymous with Nelson County High School Track.



First Row—L. to R.—P. Morris, D. Smith, T. Jackson, P. Spencer, K. Kokernot. Second Row—L. to R.—Coach Nimmo, R. Silman, S. Allen, D. Truslow, D. Stratton, E. Woodson, L. Miles, C. Parrish—Manager.

CROSS COUNTRY MEETS VICTORY







First Row: L. to R.—R. Moon, C. Murphy, C. Jackson, W. Hudson, Second Row: L. to R.—Coach Witt, J. Tucker, M. Garwood, J. Meredith, C. Jackson, Coach Bugg.



L. to R.—G. Rose, C. Murphy, C. Jackson, H. Rose, M. Rose, R. Dillard, Coach Bugg.

The Nelson Cross Country team began its season with new faces and a new course. The 1973 course was lengthened from 2.3 to 3 miles. The team had only three returning lettermen—Mark Garwood, Wayne Hudson, and Clark Jackson.

Success was the result of the meets within the district and in impressive defeats over AAA Lane and E. C. Glass, and Staunton Military Academy. At a meet with Albemarle, Clark Jackson placed 40th; Wayne Hudson, John Meredith and Cheyenne Jackson finished in the top 250. Nelson finished ahead of such schools as E. C. Glass, Fairfax, John Marshall, Fort Hunt, and Stonewall Jackson. Laurel Park foiled Nelson's broadening winning streak by only one point, 27-28. Nelson continued the season by defeating Waynesboro, Brookville, Staunton River, Gretna, and Amherst (by forfeit). At the district meet, Staunton River won over Nelson, 36-40. On November 10th, the team traveled to the State meet, where Nelson placed sixth.

The first Jay Vee team in three years in Nelson showed its talents at Lynchburg Invitational Meets for Jay Vee teams in October, as Haywood Rose broke the old record and Clinton Murphy set a new ninth grade record for the course. The addition of the Jay Vees will improve the Cross Country facet of Nelson sports in strength and experience.



Opposite Page: Upper Left—Clark Jackson displays great effort. Upper Right—The team warms up. Bottom—NCHS Varsity Cross Country Track Team. This Page: Top—NCHS J.V. Cross Country Track Team. Bottom, Wayne Hudson gives one-hundred per cent effort.



First Row—L. to R.—W. Hudson, C. Ferguson, C. Jackson, R. Moon, R. Ragland, M. Garwood, J. Tucker, F. Clark, M. Timberlake. Second Row—L. to R.—Coach Witt, E. Glover, C. Murphey, R. Dillard, J. Vest, C. Robinson, T. Payne, K. Harrison, E. Ellis. Third Row—L. to R.—Coach Sellers, M. Rose, L. Jones, F. Ferguson, T. Baker, D. Wells, L. Awkard, C. Thompson, R. Silman, G. Rose, H. Rose. Fourth Row—L. to R.—Coach Bugg, J. Wells, V. Reznick, R. Rose, W. Turner, B. Massive, B. Caughey, B. Adams, T. Hensley, W. Ellis.

The Nelson Indoor Track squad began its season with a victorious four-way meet at VMI against Menchville, Waynesboro, and Louisa. Nelson had an eight point advantage over Menchville, the state champion in Group AAA. In this meet Glenn Epps amassed 16½ points, the highest single score of the meet. Other first places went to Elmer Glover, Tony Payne, Ronnie Ragland, Richard Moon, and the 880 relay team consisting of Frank Clark, Dexter Wells, Richard Moon, and Glenn Epps.

At the district meet held at Lynchburg College, Nelson gained seven first places and won by a 62 point margin. This win took place despite the absence of Ronnie Ragland, Tony Payne, and Thomas Baker. Dexter Wells won two events solely, the long jump and the 60 yard dash, and helped in another, the 880 relay. Glenn Epps tied with Wells in meet points with three second places and a first also in the 880 relay. Mike Timberlake scored 13½ points by winning the high hurdles, and placing third in both the high jump and the 330 yard dash.

The Virginia High School League's Group AA Indoor Track Meet was won by Nelson for the second time in two years, and the fourth time in the past five years. This win was chiefly accredited to Ronnie Ragland, who broke his own shot-put record with a throw by 55'5½"; Elmer Glover, who won the high jump with a jump of 6'1"; and the 880 relay team composed of Mike Timberlake, Richard Moon, Dexter Wells, and Glenn Epps, who completed the race in 1:36.8. The mile relay also won first place, but was disqualified by what the officials ruled unsportsmanlike conduct.

The Indoor Track team of 1973-74 was undefeated in the Seminole District and the State AA Championship. Head Coach Eddie Witt was assisted in coaching this fantastic team by Gary Bugg and Jack Sellers.



TRACKMEN SOAR AT STATE MEET









Opposite Page: Upper Center—NCHS Indoor Track Team. Lower Right—Robin integrated Indoor Track by becoming the first female runner. This Page: Upper Left—Elmer is successful in his pole vault. Upper Right—Mark starts out ahead in the mile run (and finished first). Center Right—Brookville and Nelson socialize during the district track meet at Lynchburg. Lower Left—Trackmen receive instructions from Coach Witt before practice.



First Row—L. to R.—M. Jacques, R. Dillard, J. Tucker, E. Bowling, T. Payne, R. Moon, R. Brown—Manager. Second Row—L. to R.—R. Ragland, F. Ferguson, J. Vest, K. Haywood, M. Timberlake, W. Hudson, C. Thompson, G. Epps, Coach Sellers. Third Row—L. to R.—Coach Witt, C. Robinson, D. Wells, E. Glover, L. Napper, L. Jones, J. Wells—Manager, Coach Bugg. Fourth Row—L. to R.—F. Clark, E. Martin, T. Beverly, J. Smith, C. Scott. Not pictured—Clark Jackson and William Napper.

The Nelson Outdoor Track began its 1973 season with a disappointing loss rendered at the hands of Brookville. For the first time since 1964, Nelson lost the Seminole District meet.

Despite the loss, individual performances at the meet were outstanding. George Woodson set a new district record with his first in the mile run and placed first in the 880 yard run. Ronnie Ragland placed first in the shot-put and second in the discuss. The 880 relay team, consisting of Glenn Epps, Keith Haywood, William Napper and Frank Clark, also performed excitingly for Nelson.

Out of fifteen trackmen traveling to the Regional Track Meet, twelve placed. Two of these, George Woodson and Ronnie Ragland, each captured two first places. Woodson's rewards came from his efforts in the mile and 880 run(s), and Ragland's display in the shot and discus event(s) provided him with his two firsts. The mile relay team, composed of Mike Timberlake, Keith Haywood, Richard Moon, and William Napper, brought home first place honors after a two-second win over Brookville's favored team.

The state meet was next on the agenda. Eight of the eleven contenders placed at the meet. Again, George Woodson and Ronnie Ragland were Nelson's superstars. Woodson set new state records in both the mile and the 880 run(s). Ragland placed second in the shot and first in the discus. The mile relay team placed first with a performance good for a new school record in the event. James Smith also gathered honor for himself and Nelson by taking second in the high jump. The win at the State Outdoor Championship was Nelson's fourth state championship in five years.



This Page: Upper Center—NCHS Outdoor Track Team. Lower Right—Dexter sprints the tape ahead of the competition in the 100 yard dash. Opposite Page: Upper Left—Ronnie displays his state record-breaking shot style. Upper Right—Emer clears the bar. Center Right—Glenn sails toward the ground after take-off in the broadjump. Lower Center—The coaches for the track team consist of Sellers, Witt, and Bugg.

'73 OUTDOOR TRACKMEN REIGN













'73 GOVERNETTES PLACE SECOND











First Row—L. to R.—D. Ferguson, K. Carter, T. Sheffield, D. Smith, L. Miles. Second Row—L. to R.—Coach Greene, J. Horsley—Manager, J. Jenkins, P. Tucker, D. Stratton, L. Henderson, D. Smith, R. Floyd—Scorekeeper.



Opposite Page: Upper Left—Dale scores a run for Nelson. Upper Right—The runner rounds first and heads toward second. Center Right—Coach Greene directs Dale after a play. Lower Center—Nelson relaxes and concentrates on the game while at bat. This Page: Upper Center—NCHS Softball Team. Lower Left—The strain of Lynette's hit shows in her face.

The Governettes entered their 1973 spring season with the 1972 District Championship in their possession. This naturally gave the team confidence in its capacity to make history repeat.

The new softball field in front of the school building was used for the first time last year. The extra field made practicing easier for the Governettes, as they did not have to move to a nearby elementary school. Having a home diamond meant the girls could get in more practice time without wasting time traveling to a field. Also, a game at home insured more of a Nelson crowd.

Adding to the new dimension of softball, the Governettes sported new, colorful uniforms that gave the team a feeling of individuality throughout the Seminole District.

The softball team ended their season with a record of eleven wins and four losses. The Governettes finished second in the district play-offs.

Nelson's fine record was aided by the coaching of Anna Leigh Greene and the managing of Janet Horsley and Joan Hughes.

Pitcher Lynette Miles was cited as the most valuable player, and Dale Smith was labeled "Miss Hustle." Also, Debbie Morse was singled out as the most improved.

With a number of good players returning to the 1974 squad, the Governettes should be better than ever.

The 1973 Governor Baseball team began the spring schedule with a pre-season defeat by Virginia Episcopal School. The Governors rallied, however, and started the regular season with a strong show of strength to twice defeat Waynesboro. The team then put their power to work in district victories over Altavista and Rustburg.

In the Rustburg game, Righthander Hugh Watts became the third player in Nelson history to pitch a no-hitter. Later in the season, Lefthander Mark Garwood became number four when he performed a no-hitter on Staunton River.

The 1973 team was statistically better than earlier Nelson teams. The superlative pitching staff and improved defense, along with the fine coaching of Howard West and Jim Garwood, were the main attributes of the team's success. The Governors, second only to Brookville at the end of the district schedule, went into the Seminole District Tournament. After defeating third place Gretna, the Governors lost the championship game to first place Brookville. Nelson finished with a district record of 14-4, and an overall record of 15-7. The record fifteen wins broke the previous record of eleven wins set in 1960.

Left fielder Tommy Harvey, captain of the Nelson squad, was designated the most valuable player for the 1973 season. Hugh Watts received the *Governors Gazette* Sports Award in April of 1973.

Nelson's diamond was rejuvenated for 1973, with the addition of a batrack and a sturdier backstop. New, colorful uniforms in 1974 contributed still more to Nelson's appearance and style.



First Row—L. to R.—H. Watts, J. Fields, D. Purvis, D. Kidd, L. Rose. Second Row—L. to R.—Coach Garwood, D. Fitzgerald, R. Fields, K. Harrison, Coach Norris. Third Row—L. to R.—M. Garwood, M. Ponton, L. Awkard, M. Saunders, W. Ponton—Manager.

'73 BASEBALL SEASON BEST YET







Opposite Page: Upper Right—Jeff propels the ball into play. Lower Center—NCHS Baseball Team. This Page: Upper Left—The Governors study the situation while awaiting their bat(s). Center Right—The swing and ball contact are crucial to a successful team. Lower Left—Dee wams up before the game with Jefferson Forest.


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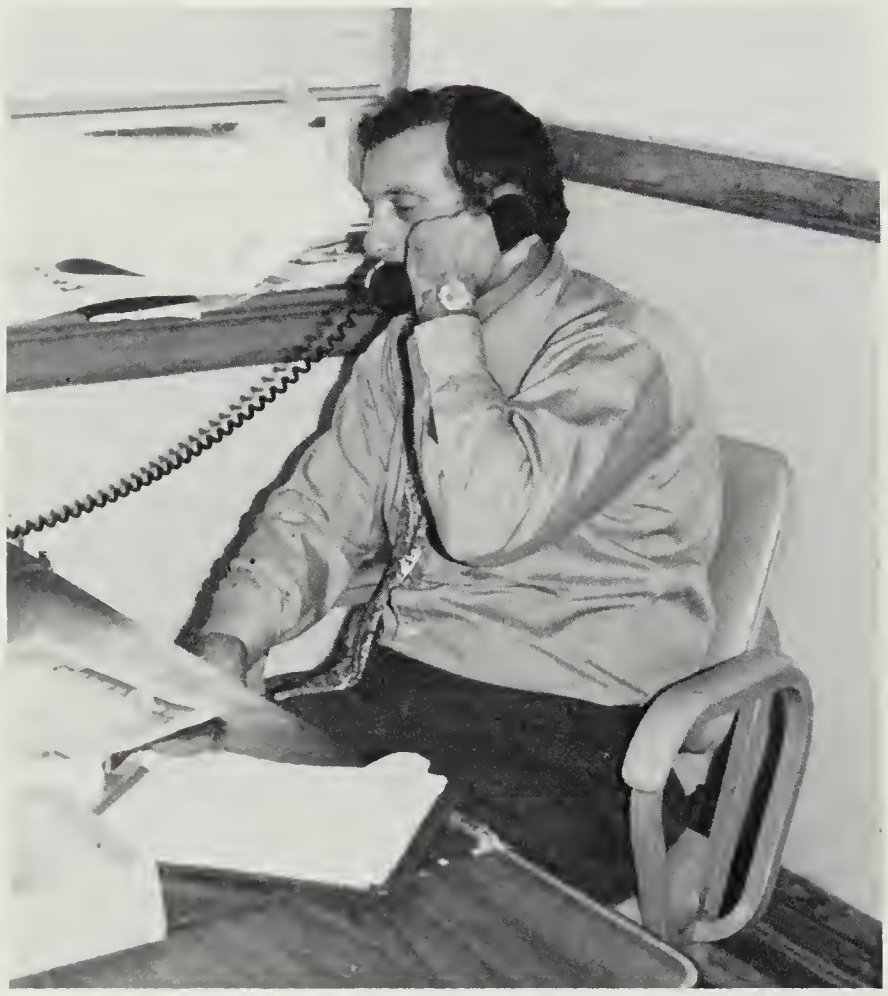
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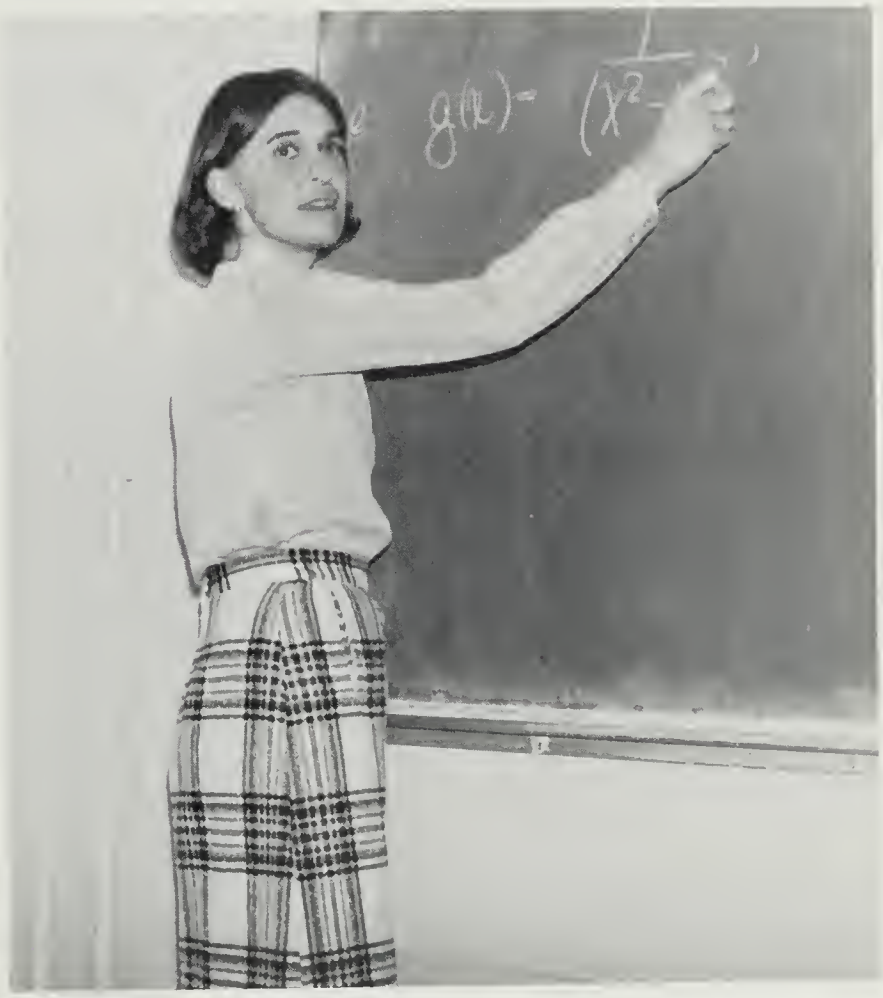
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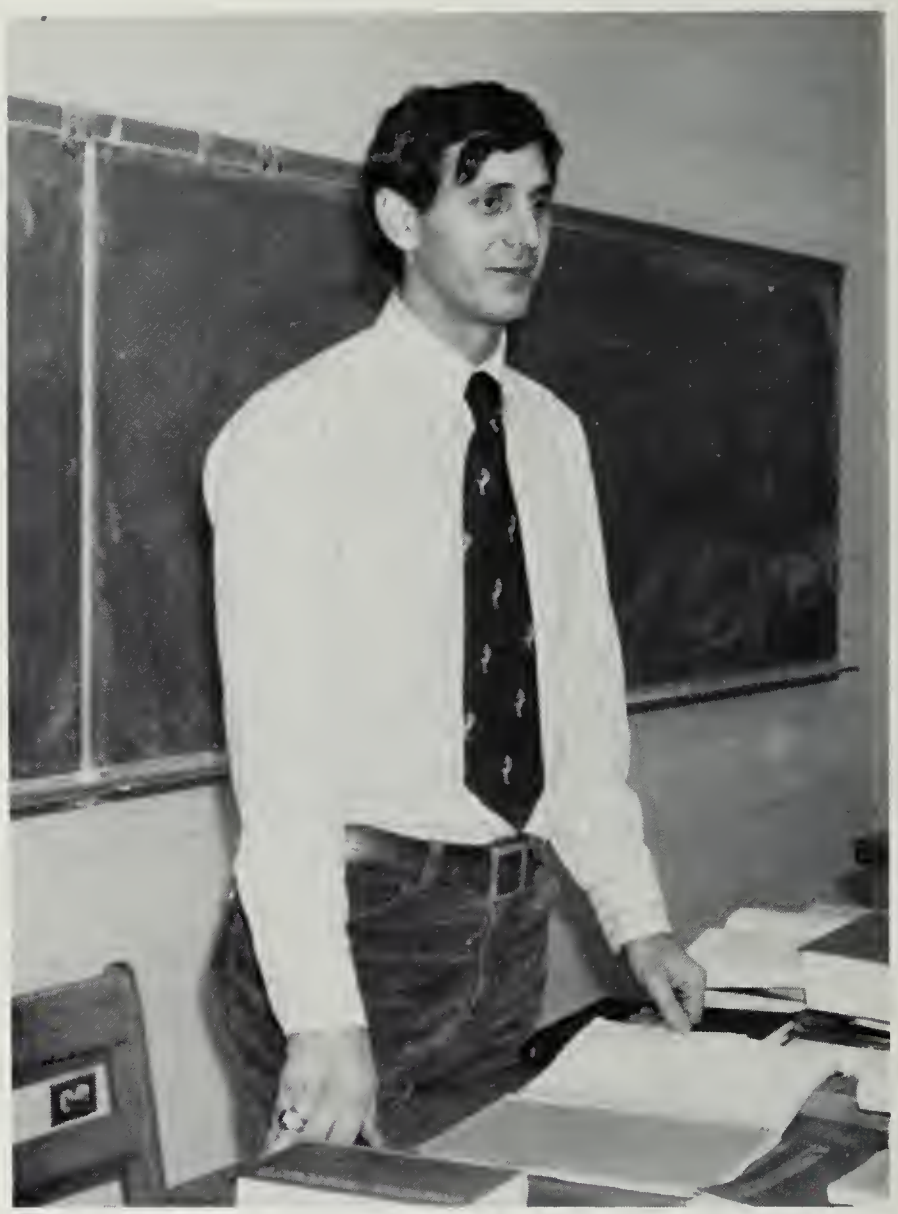
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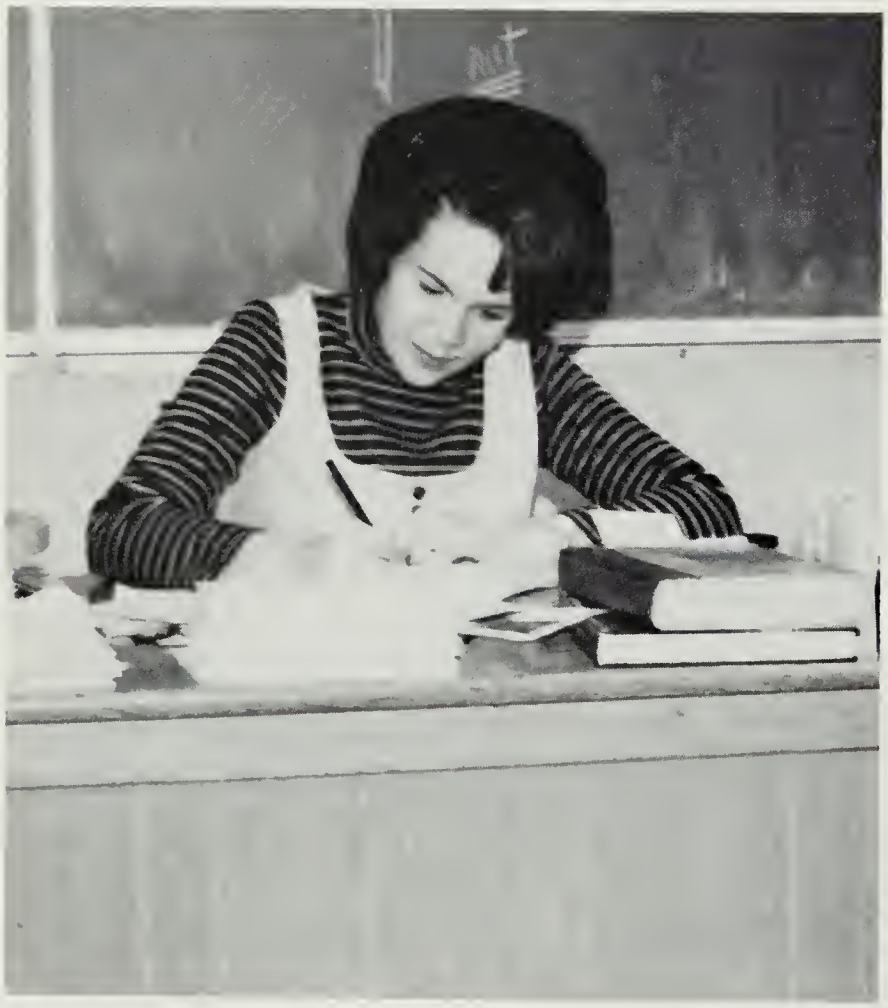
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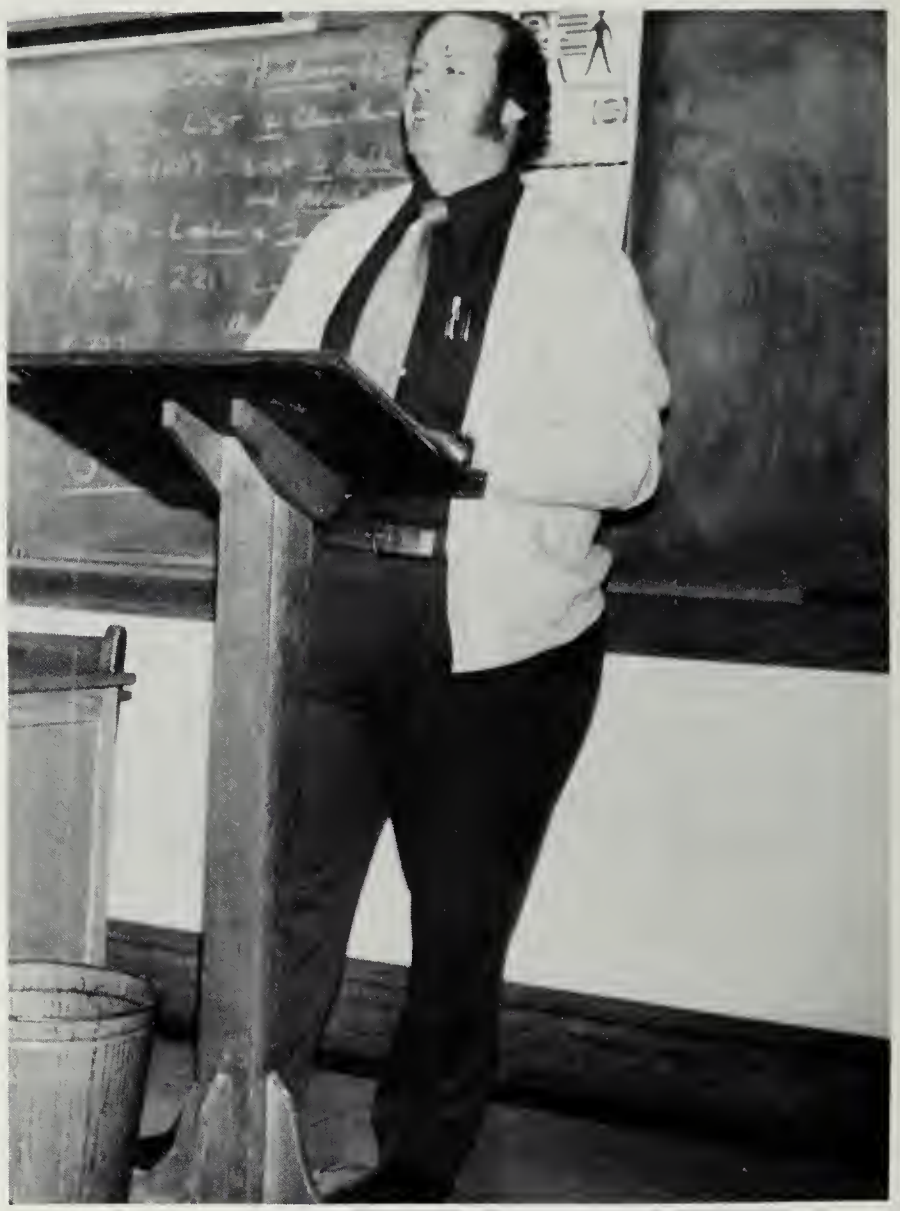
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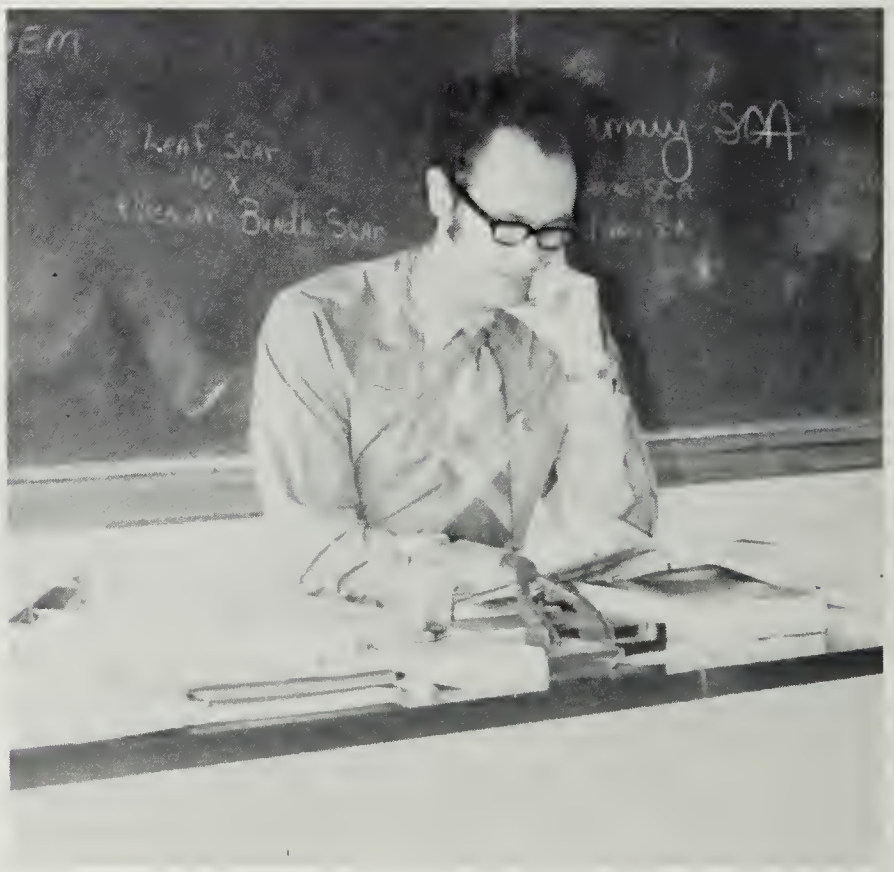
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"YOU'RE NOT GETTING OLDER; YOU'RE GETTING BETTER."



This Page: Rhonda Briggs, president; Rosemary Roberts, secretary-treasurer; Paul Campbell, vice-president; Beany Campbell, reporter.





This Page: Upper Center—Seniors in deep study. Lower Left—Gail gives Lynette a hard time.

"You're not getting older; you're getting better" is a statement which appropriately described the Class of '74. The Seniors maintained their enthusiasm of the preceding years by again capturing first place honors during spirit week. Creativity and imagination were at a peak on October 5 when Seniors staged a mock funeral for the Appomattox Raiders and demonstrated their exuberance at the Yell-Out.

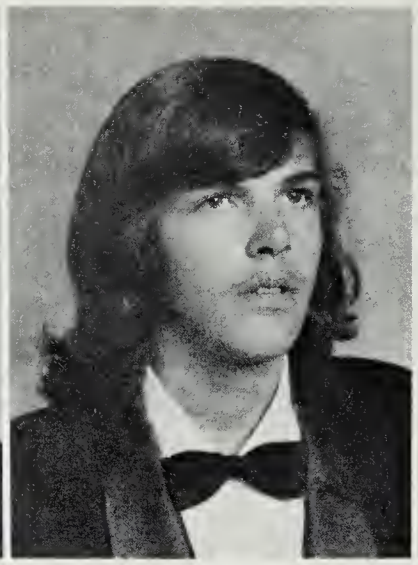
The Seniors also made outstanding academic contributions to Nelson. Honor Society members Mildred Coates, John Tucker, and Suzanne Eggleston appeared on Klassroom Kwiz three times. On their first appearance they set a record of 260 points, the most points accumulated by a team in the history of the show.

During their four years many senior athletes brought victory and fame to Nelson. Several coaches have credited the Class of '74 as being one of the most athletically gifted class to attend Nelson.

Much time was devoted to find raising for graduation. Energetic seniors held a carwash, a variety show, a Powder Puff Basketball Game, and a paper drive.



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Alfred Eugene Allen



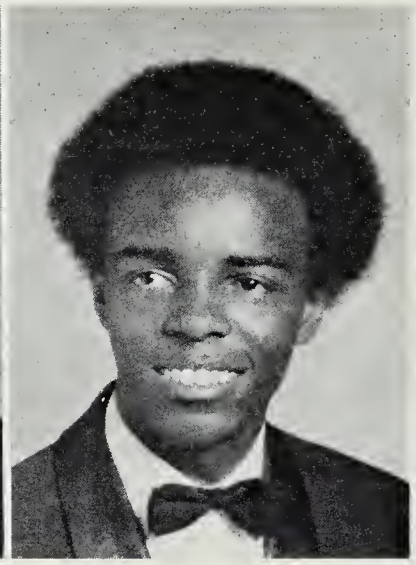
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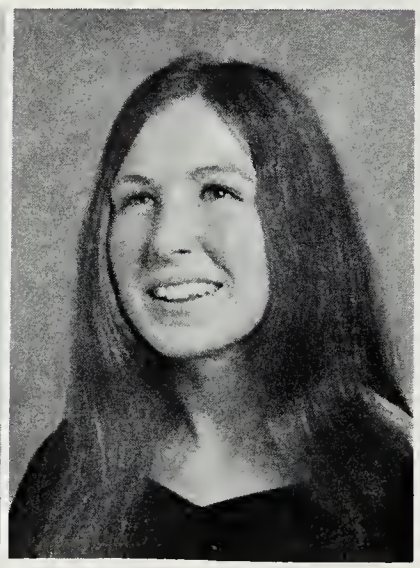
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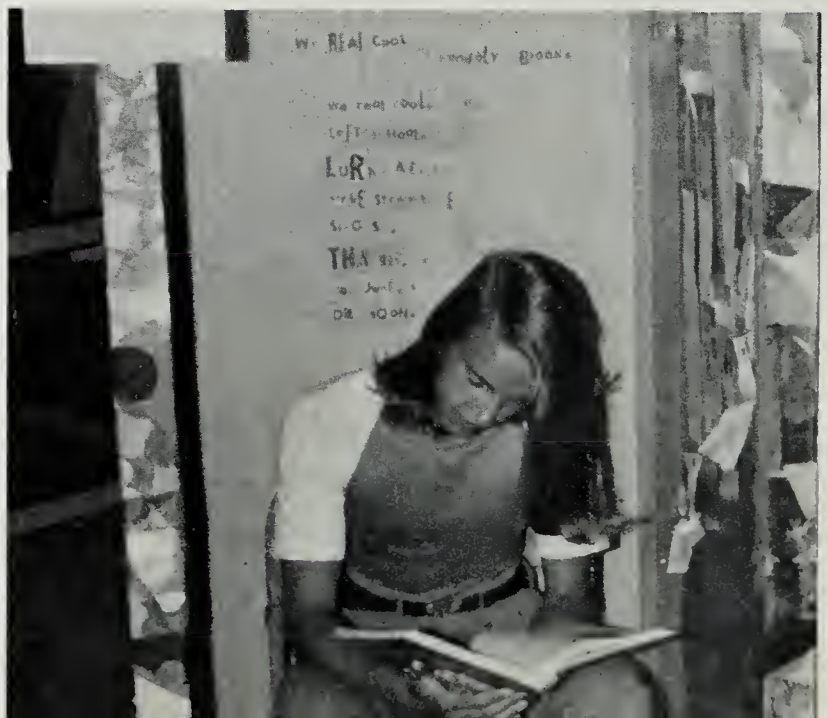


Marvin Nathaniel Barber



Catherine Anne Beverly

This Page: Lower Left—Alan gets inside information. Opposite Page: Upper Center—Pat finds a rare case of unoccupied stairway. Upper Right—Sue gets caught in the act.

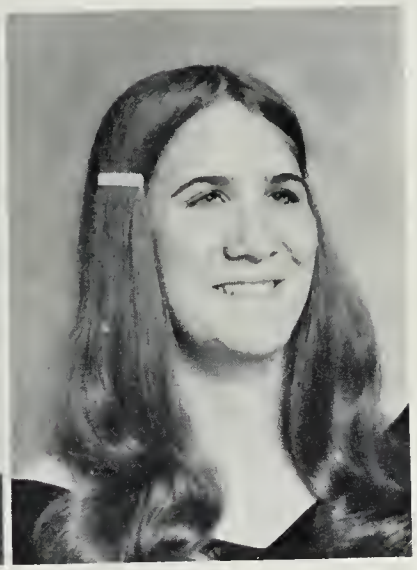








Thomas Ivanhoe Beverly



Ruth Vera Boggs



Timothy Paul Boggs



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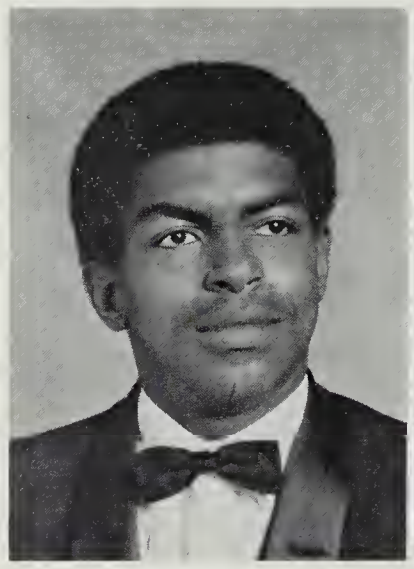




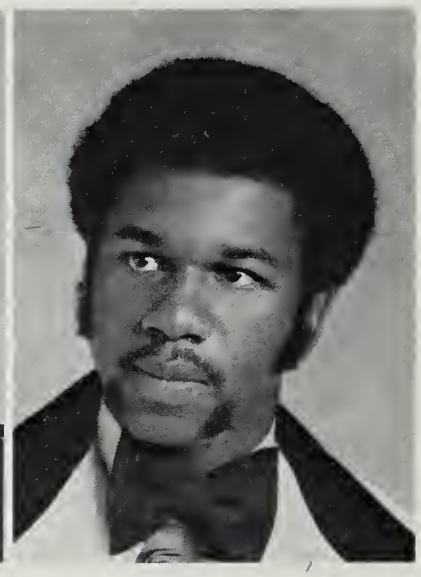
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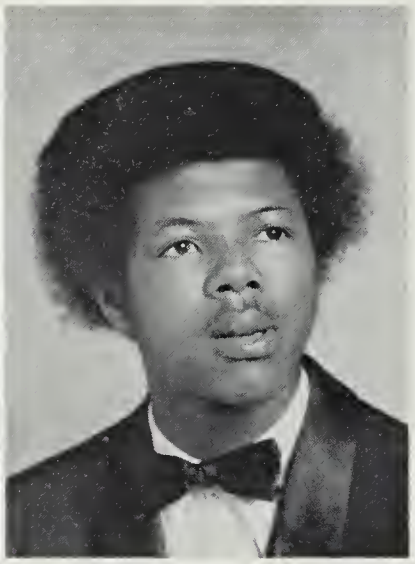
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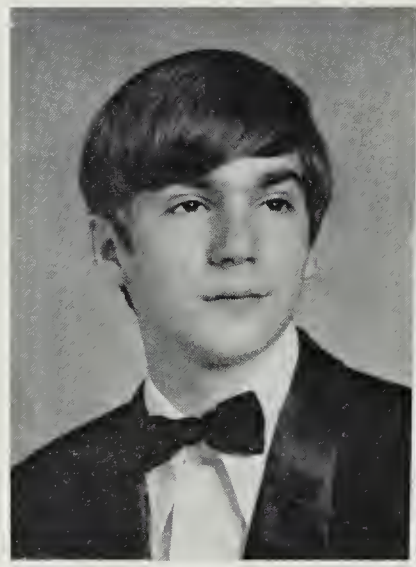
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Joyce Baker Chewning



Dolly Ann Clark



Mary Noble Clark



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Opposite Page: Upper Left—The Senior members of the 1973-74 team. Upper Center—Kathy inspects the closet. This Page: Lower Right—Dennis guards the gym entrance.



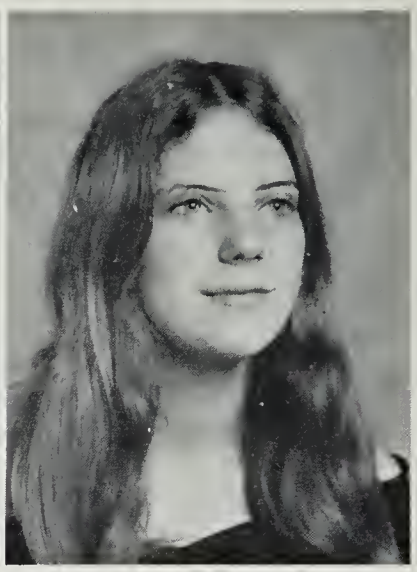
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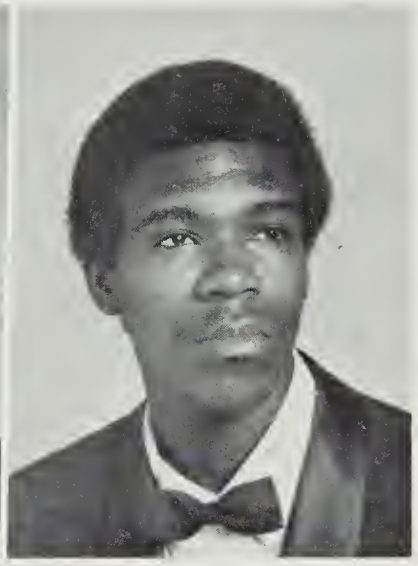
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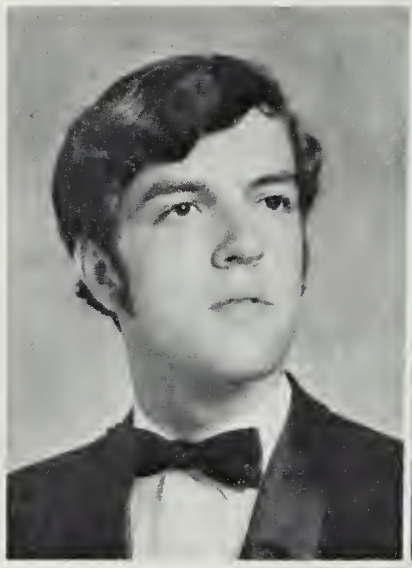
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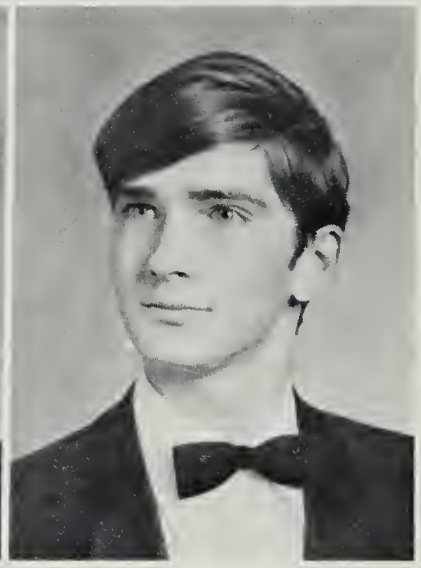
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Glenn Epps



Barbara Ann Eubanks

This Page: Lower Right—Dee and Glenn receive their class rings. Opposite Page: Upper Center—Patti and Debbie discuss pertinent material in English. Upper Right—*Governors Gazette* officials talk over the newspaper business.









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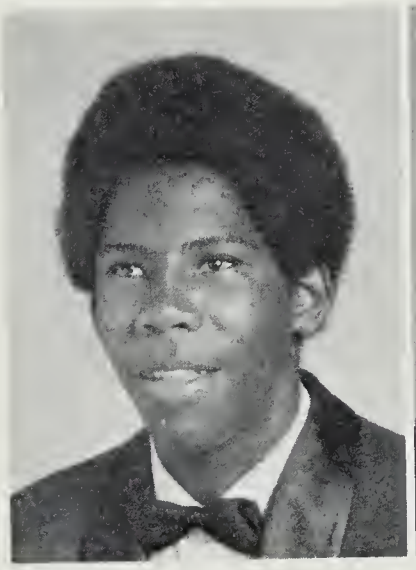
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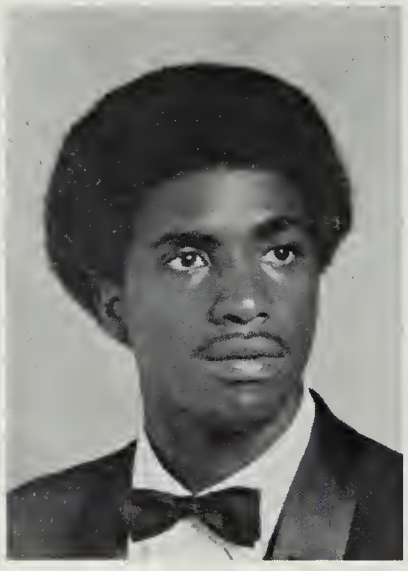




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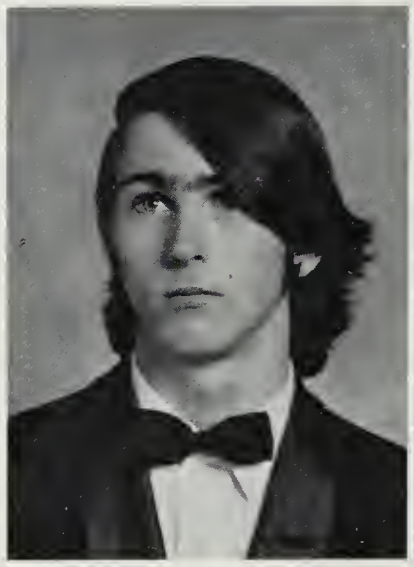
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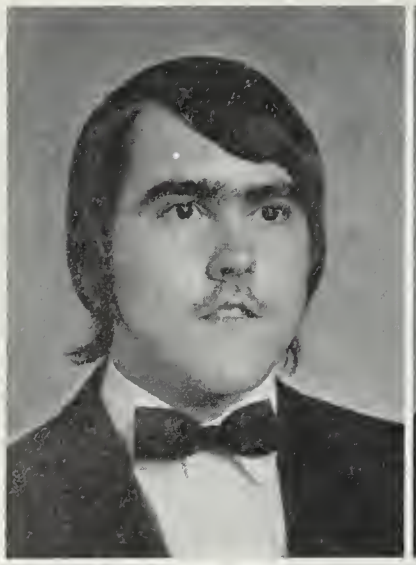
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Opposite Page: Upper Left—Astonishing material confounds Paul and Warner. Upper Center—The camera catches David unaware. This Page: Lower Right—Rifle Squad commander Debbie Stevens leads a drill during practice.



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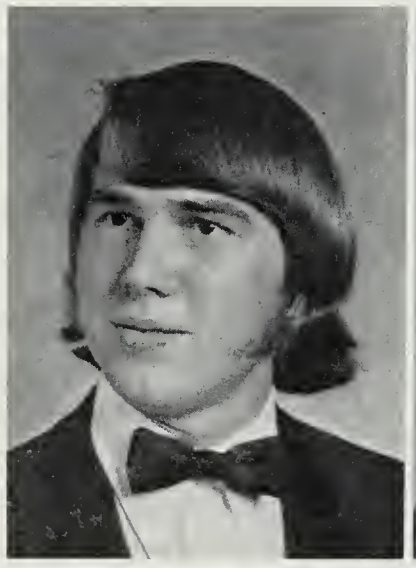
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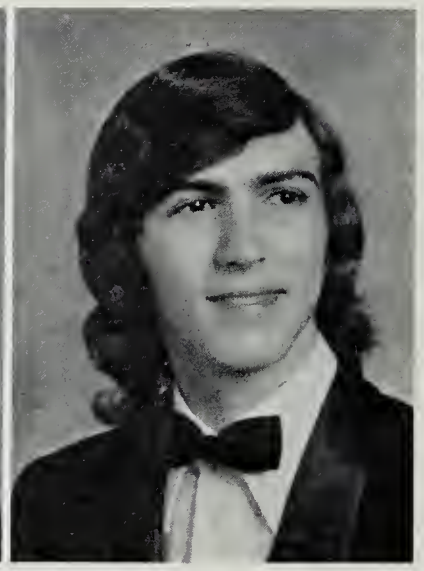
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This Page: Lower Right—Kathy and Greg enact a commonplace occurrence in the halls of Nelson. Opposite Page: Upper Center—The main entrance is patrolled by Troopers Spencer, Morris, and Moon. Upper Right—Sharon, Sissie, and Roberta wile away the last few minutes of class. Lower Right—The creature within awakes and emerges.









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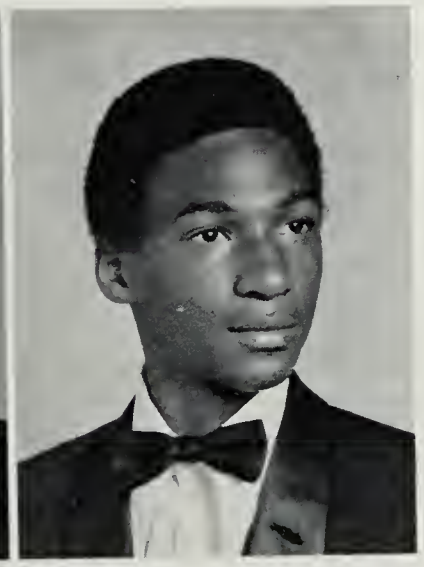
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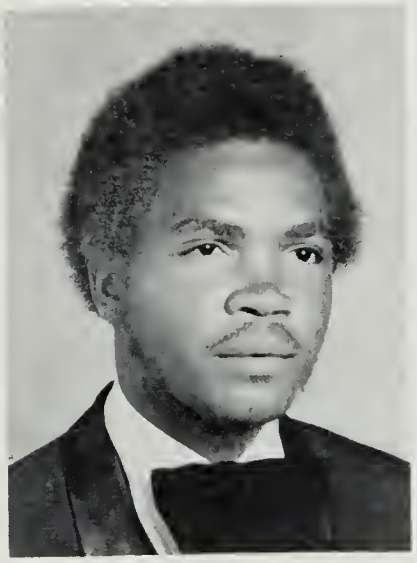
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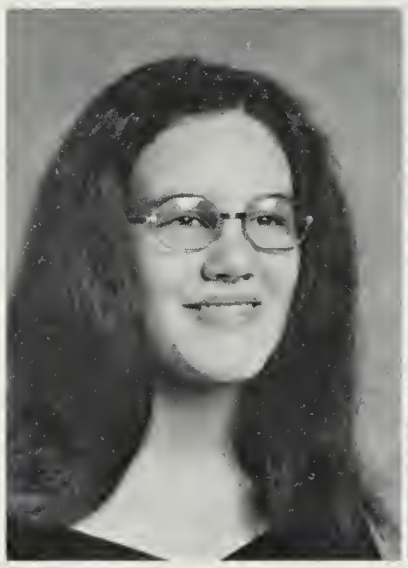


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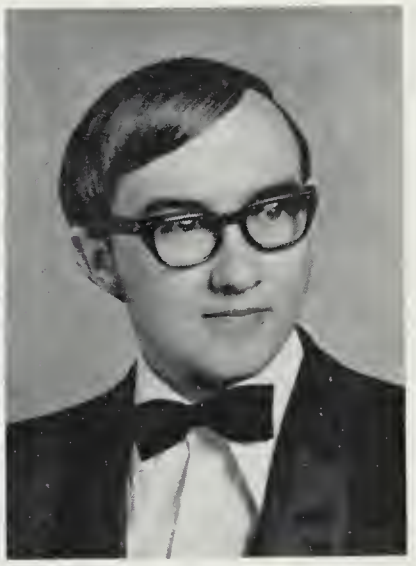
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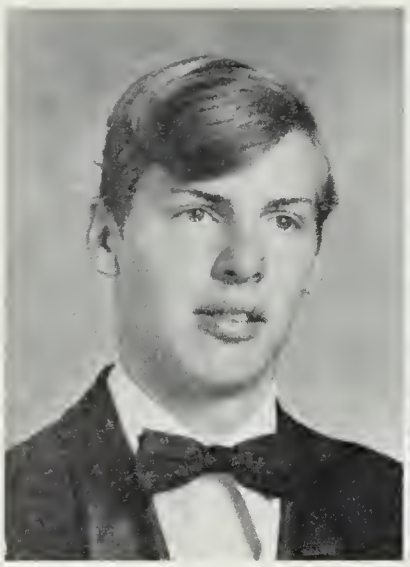
Sandra Marie Ponton



Wendell Calvin Ponton



Opposite Page: Upper Left—The Speech and Drama Class await their departure to Sweet Briar College. Upper Center—Mark and Dennis chew the fat before football practice. This Page: Lower Left—Mr. Dodd holds the attention of his class. Upper Right—English class is at a standstill for the moment.



George David Purvis



James Ronald Ragland



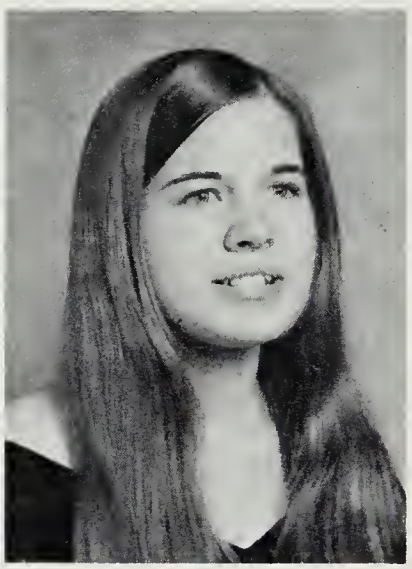
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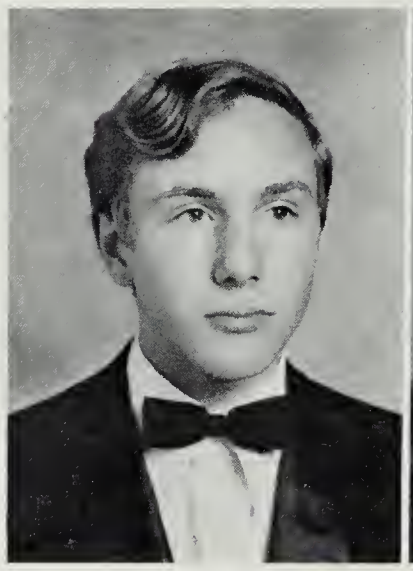
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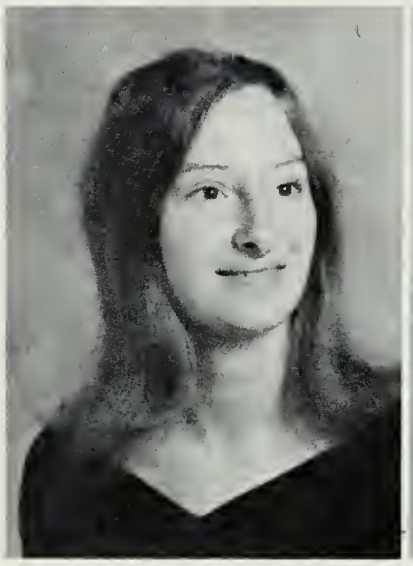
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This Page: Lower Left—Debbie shows Patti the proper hand position for port arms. Opposite Page: Upper Center—William Napper places first in his event at an outdoor track meet. Upper Right—The Senior class cheers the Governors at a pep rally.









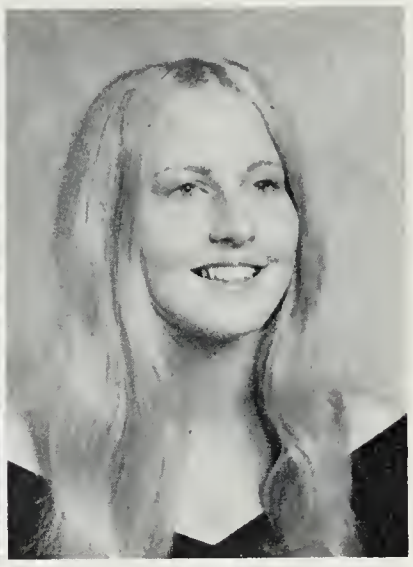
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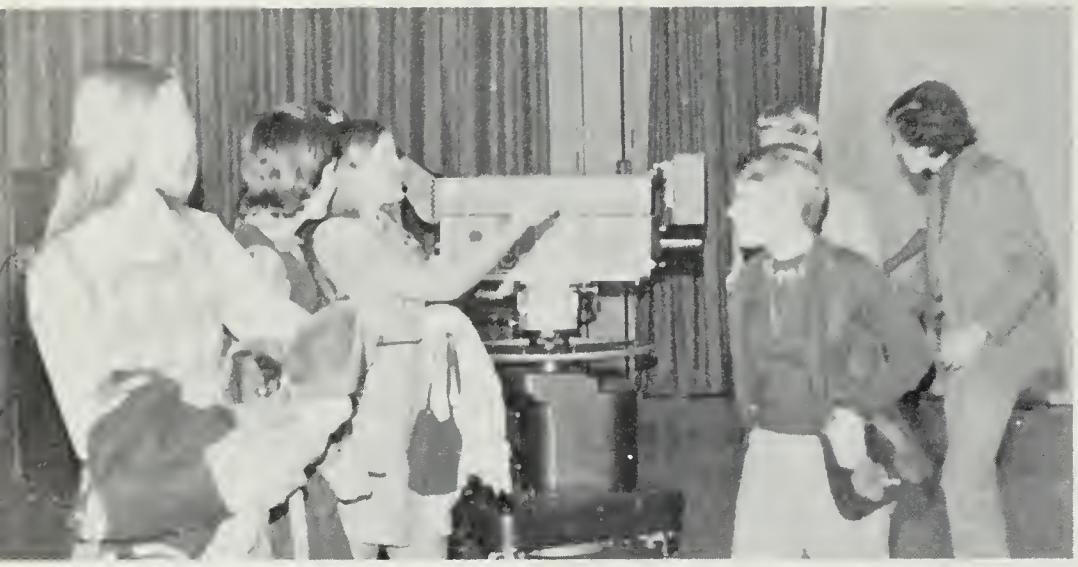
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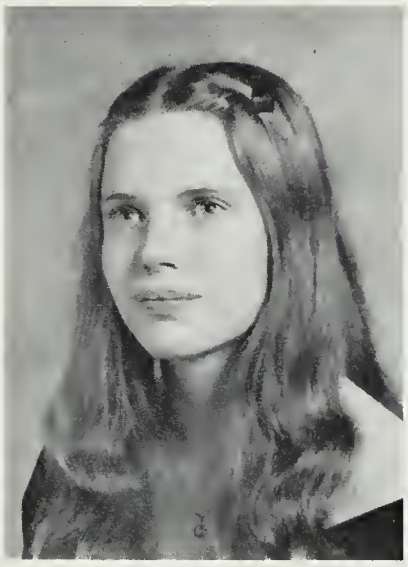
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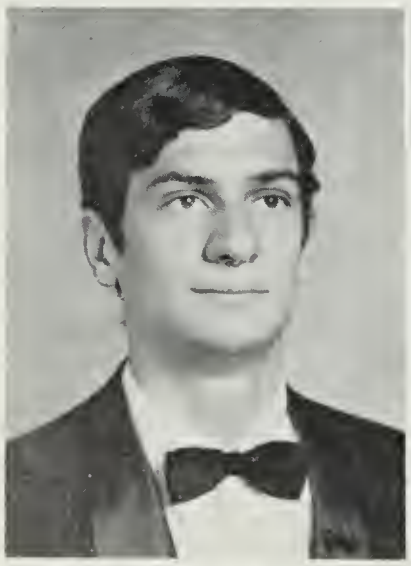
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Gwendolyn Ann Vest





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Opposite Page: Upper Left: Honor Society members and guest browse around the studio of "Klassroom Kwiz" after their victory over Tunstall. Upper Center—George Woodson completes his run on the cross-country course. This Page: Upper Right—Richard rests in peace in the Senior Spirit week display. Lower Left—Beany models the latest in before-football-practice attire. Lower Right—The uniformed seniors of The Mean Green.

JUNIORS STAGE SECOND ANNUAL SUGAR AND SPICE BOWL GAME



(left to right) Ann Gordon, reporter; Joyce Tucker, secretary-treasurer; Kim Fields, vice-president; and Larry Rose, president.

The Junior class this year extended last year's creativity when they presented the second annual Sugar and Spice Bowl Game. Juniors came through with a lot of humor and new ideas. Referees Larry Rose and Mike Timberlake ably called the plays as "Altavista," coached by Mr. Davis, and "Nelson," coached by Mr. Garwood, pounded the gridiron. The teams had a hard game ending with Nelson the victor, 6-0.

While the girls were on the field, the guys led the cheers and provided a show of their own making. The cry "Two Bits" was never quite the same as when performed by this group and finished off with cartwheels of amazing form.

For half-time entertainment the juniors presented their version of the Homecoming court. Excitement and humor were at their peak when "Geraldine" Dewey Wood was ardently crowned Queen by Mr. Price and presented with the scepter.

Other highlights of the Junior year were the receiving of rings and the success of their prom.





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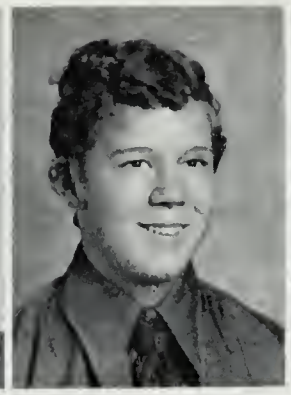
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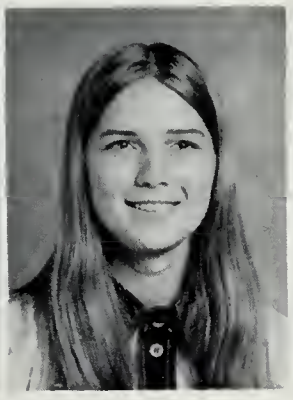
Kay Baldwin



Janice Bell



James Bibb



Bonnie Bolton



Dorothy Bradley



Joyce Brogan



Queen Brown



Wanda Browning



Charlotte Bryant



Denise Bryant





Opposite Page: Lower Right—Dexter is distracted from his work. This Page: Lower Left—Cheryl watches from the sidelines. Lower Right—Kenny sharpens his finger.



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Linda Burnley



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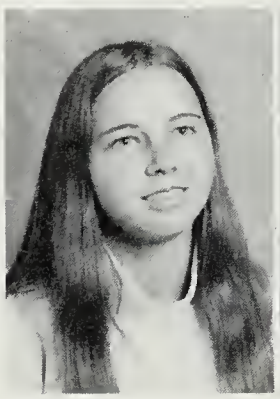
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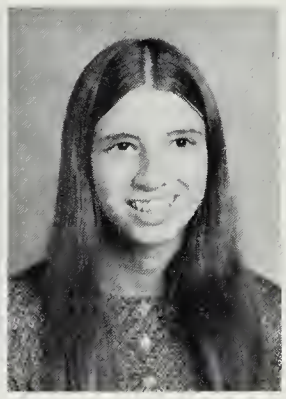
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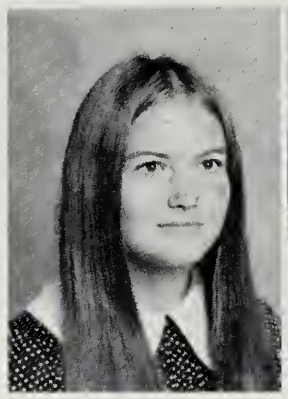
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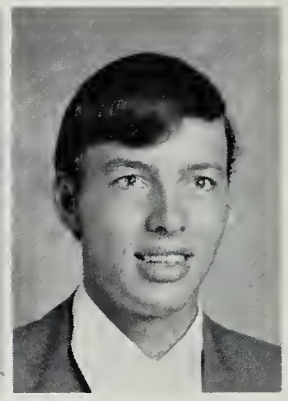
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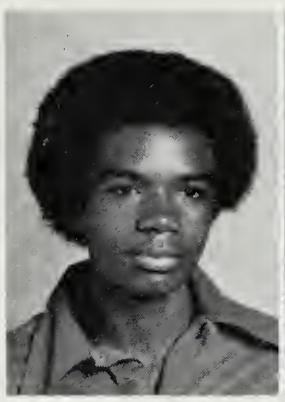
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Leslie DeHart





This Page: Lower Left—The camera exposes Dewey and Joe. Lower Right—Receiving class rings is a highlight of the Junior year. Opposite Page: Upper Left—Greg dreams of junior success during Spirit Week. Lower Left—Larry possesses a high position in the junior class. Upper Right—Joyce takes a break in Mrs. Greene's and Miss Nimmo's office.





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Isaac Early







Kim Fields



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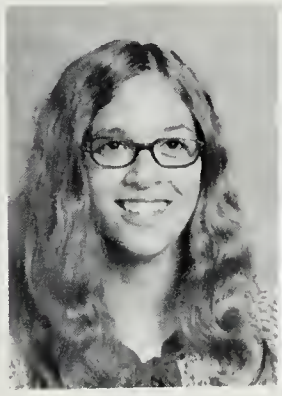
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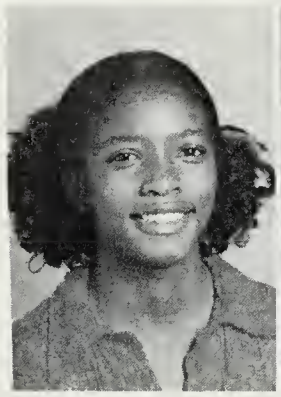


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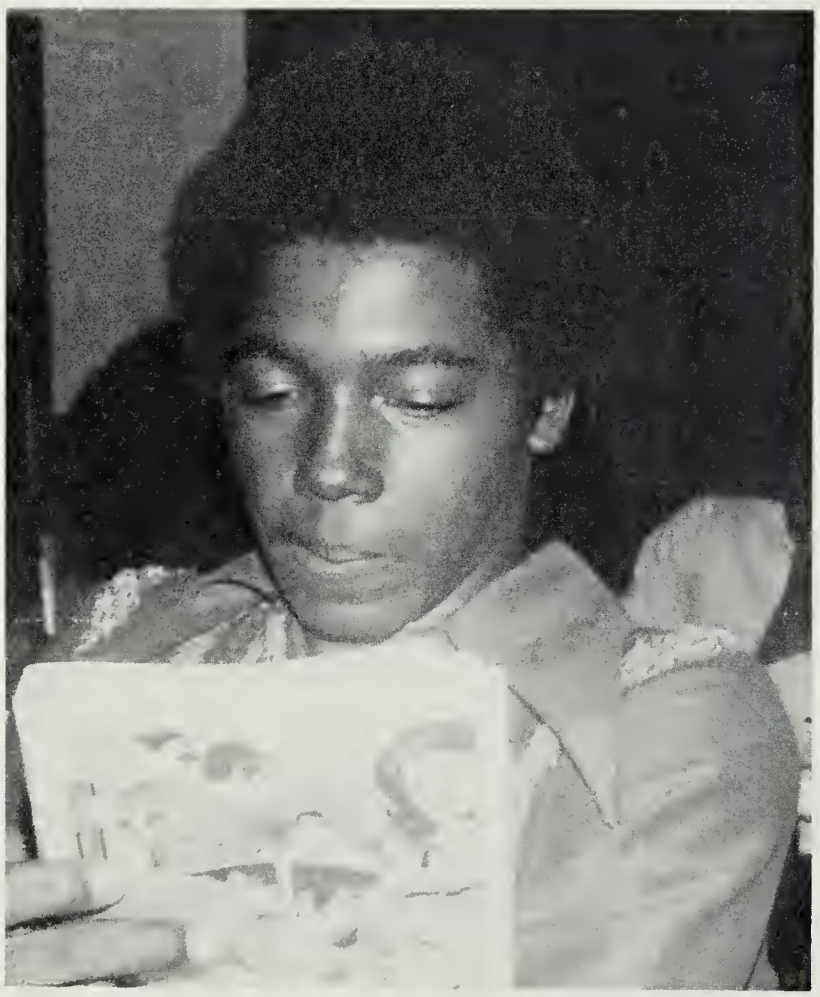


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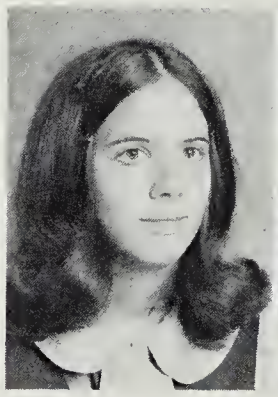




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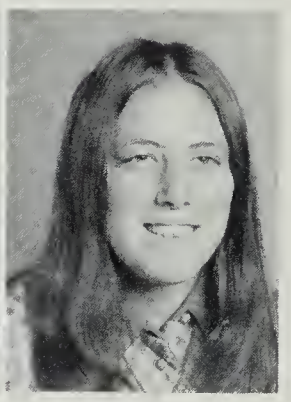
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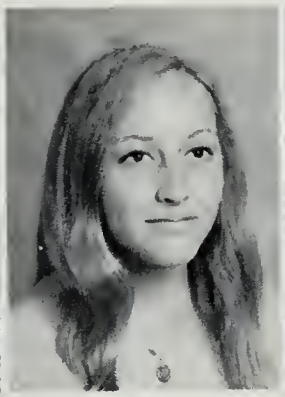
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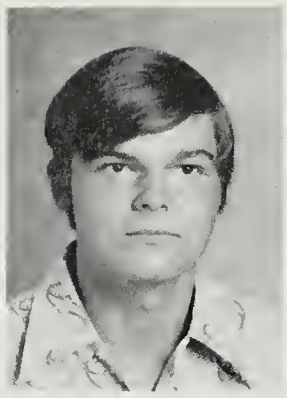
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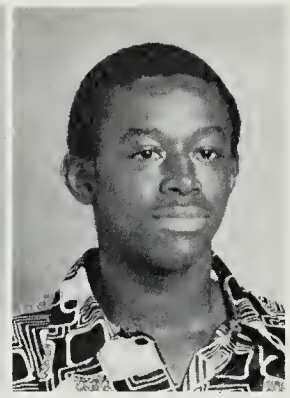
Opposite Page: Upper Left—Students are engrossed in classwork. Lower Left—Alfred spends his time reading deep literature. Upper Right—David studies his reflection. This Page: Lower Left—Larry clowns around in the locker room. Lower Right—The class holds an auction for Cheryl's pocketbook.



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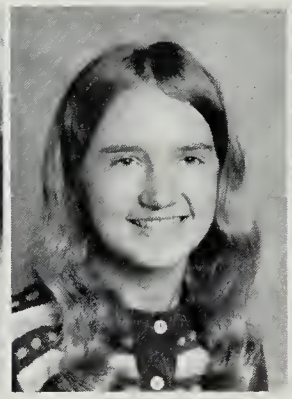
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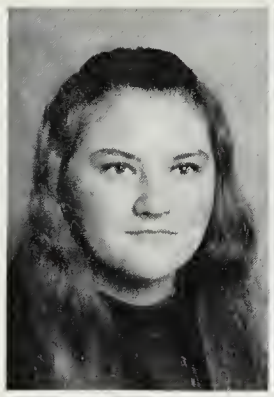
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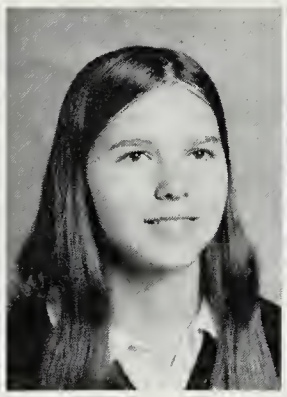
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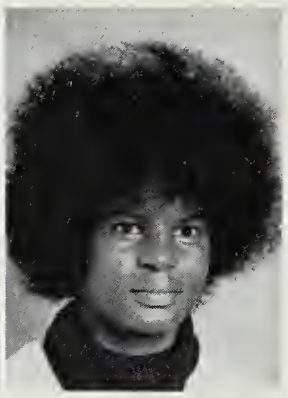
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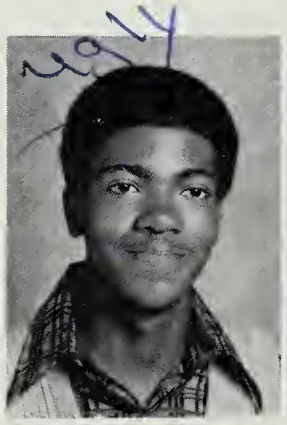
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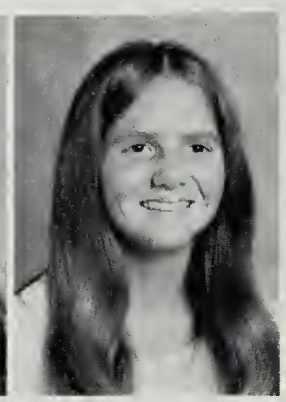
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Cheryl Parrish



Gloria Patrick





This Page: Lower Left—Greg and Larry concentrate on a chess game. Lower Right—Juniors listen to Mr. Sprinkle's lecture. Opposite Page: Center Left—Margaret finds a support in the water fountain. Upper Right—The camera captures an immortal photograph of Hugh. Lower Right—Howard and Donald stroll down the hall.



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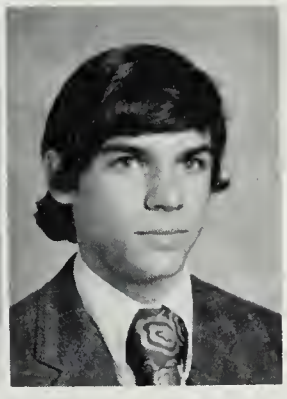




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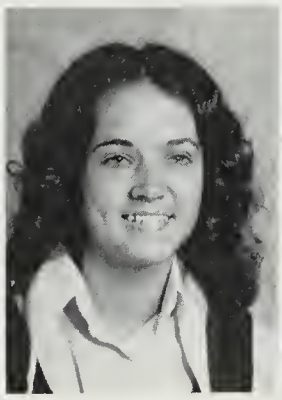


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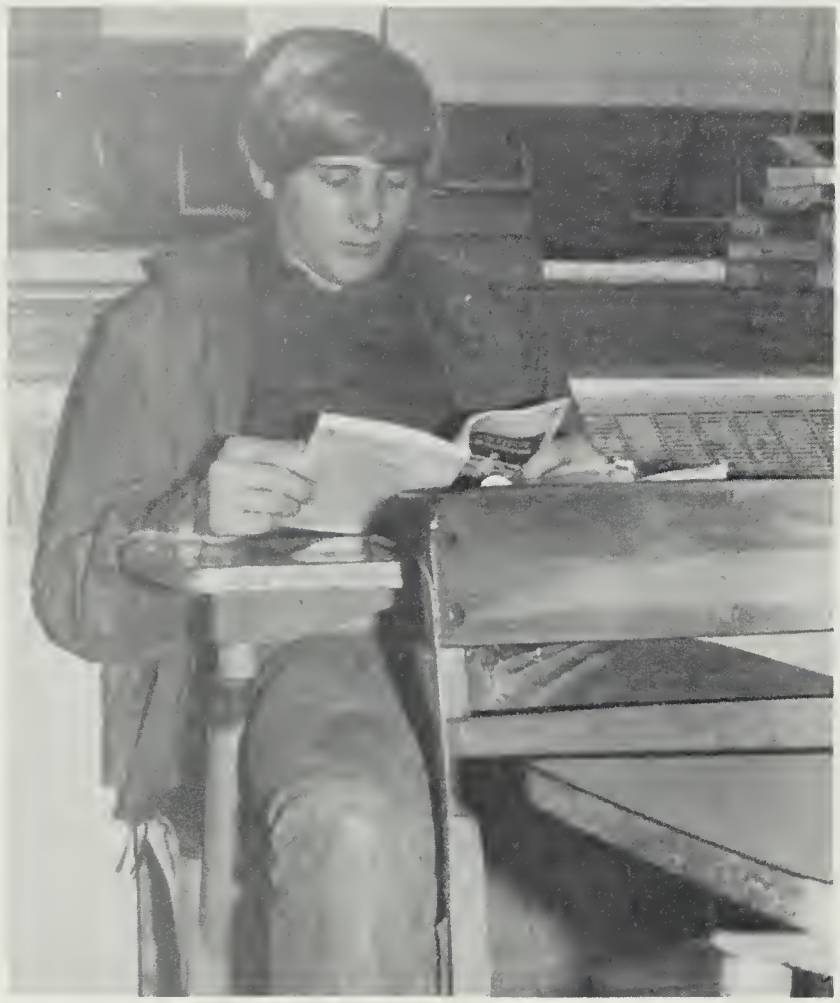
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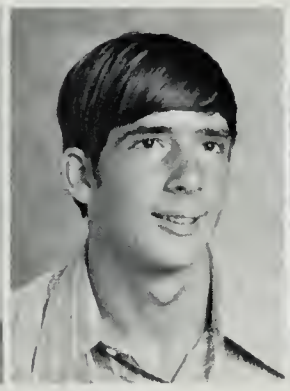
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Betty Willoughby



Donna Witt



Kathy Wood



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Chuck Yarborough





Opposite Page: Upper Left—Brenda uses her time during study hall for homework. Lower Left—Tony relaxes with a good book. Upper Right—Teresa computates her Algebra problems. This Page: Lower Left—Ruth finds time during study hall to pose for the camera. Lower Right—Ray finds a comfortable position in class.

RISING TENTH

The sophomore class rose to take its place on the high school scale this year. No longer the youngest class, the sophomores became a class involved with school activities. Over half of the class turned out to vote during the mock election. During Spirit Week, they gave the seniors a hard fight. Posters peppered their hall as the "Spirit of '76" backed up the Governors. Some of their hopes were realized when the sophomores captured second place.

With the sophomore year came opportunities for variance on their schedules. Modern foreign languages and business courses were among their electives. Although requirements have changed somewhat, most sophomores could still be found in the labs and drabs of biology class.

The sophomores looked ahead to meet the rising problem of funds. Among their plans were a car wash in the spring and a talent search production.



(left to right) Theodora Jackson, president; Becky Woody (top), reporter; Ester Woodson, secretary-treasurer; and Helen Rodgers, vice-president.







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Delores Allen



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Wanda Ballowe



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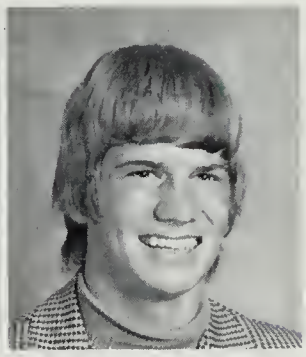
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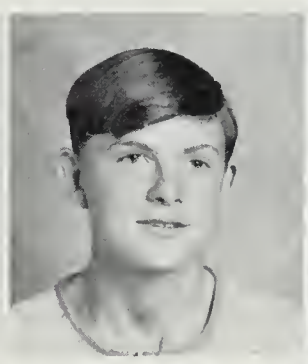


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Opposite Page: Lower Left—Lorie and June concentrate on their biology lab. Lower Right—Bill checks a fact in the book. This Page: Lower Left—Robert lounges under a bus.



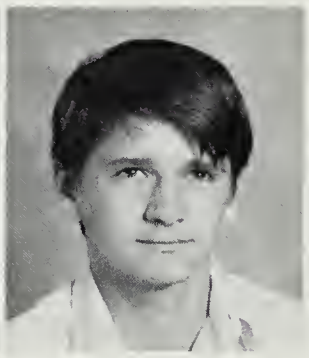




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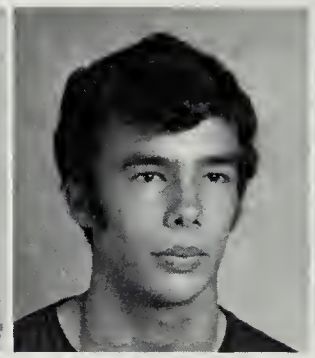
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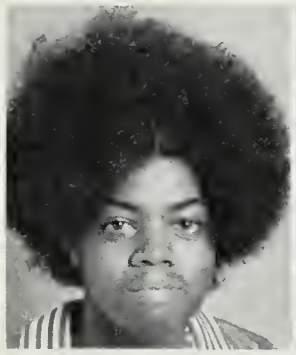
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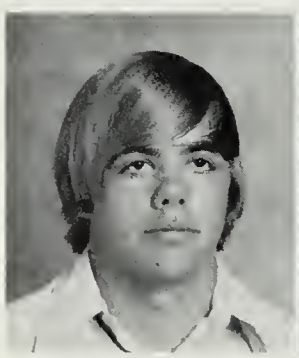
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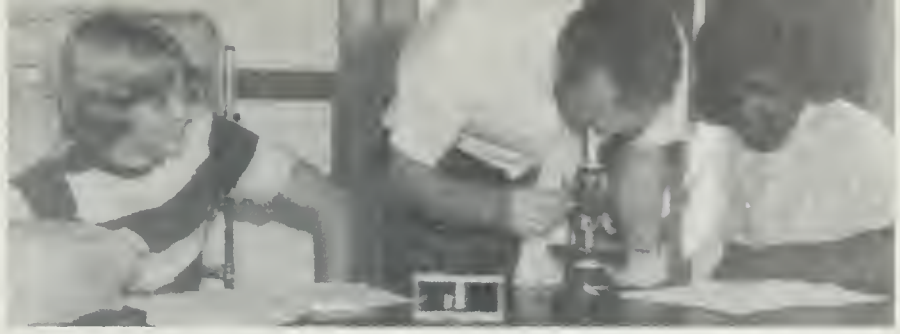
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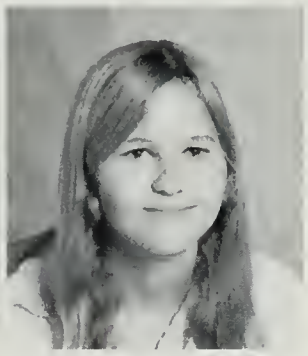
Opposite Page: Upper Left—Sophomores take their daily dose of biology, Upper Right—Becky crops pictures for the sports section. This Page: Upper Right—Mr. White checks the microscopic view. Lower Left—Carol practices her million dollar smile. Lower Right—Jerry find food for his male ego.



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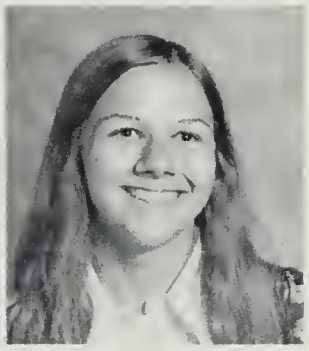
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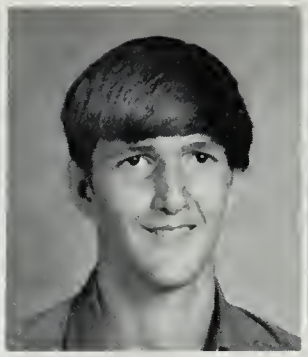
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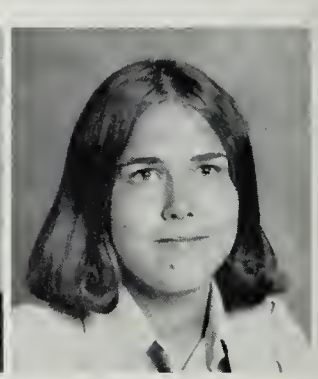
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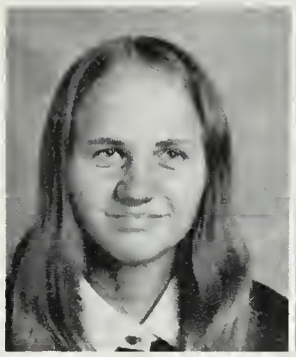
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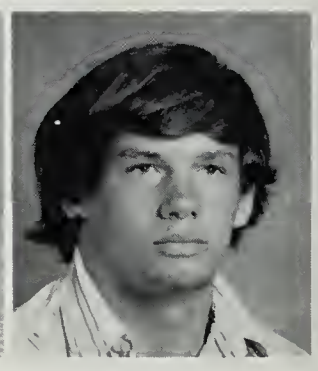
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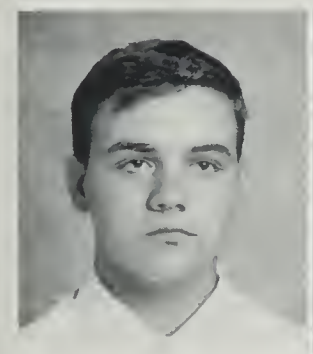
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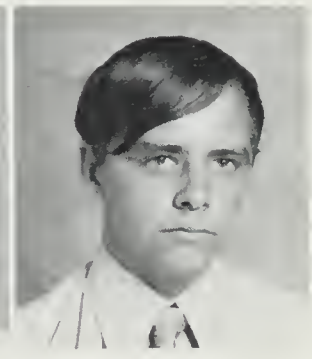
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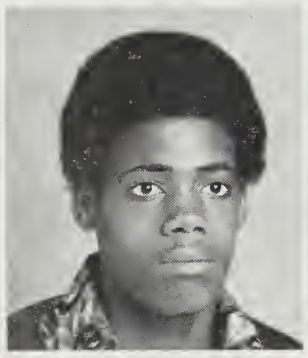
Opposite Page: Lower Left—Focusing the microscope is the hardest part of the lab. Lower Right—Students mill about on the campus. This Page: Upper Left—Mark works on becoming Nelson's grand master of chess. Upper Right—Study time is a precious possession of the student. Lower Left—Mr. White extracts a microscope for Bob.







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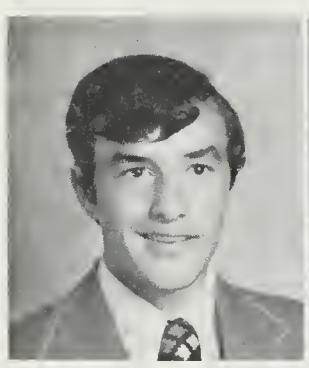
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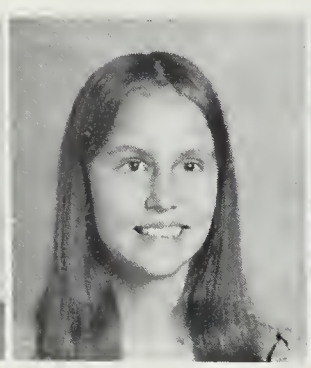
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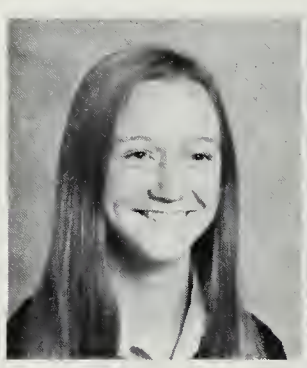
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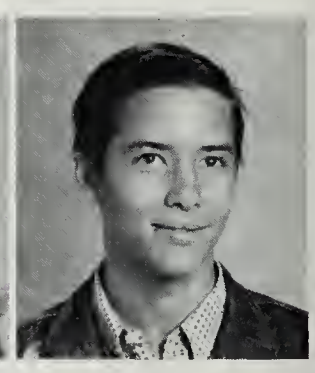
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This Page: Upper Left—Mr. White oversees his class. Upper Right—Bob is surrounded by four guardians. Lower Right—These twelve form a pyramid of sophomores. Opposite Page: Center Left—Darlene and Karen work during Home Economics class. Lower Left—The group sustains frostbite to pose for the camera. Lower Right—Theresa is prompted to good posture by Larry.





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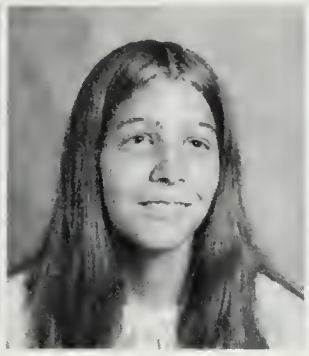
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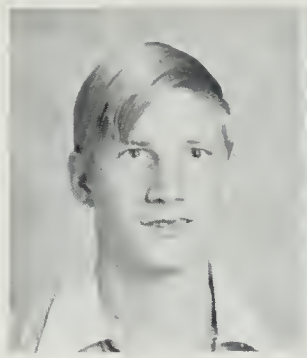
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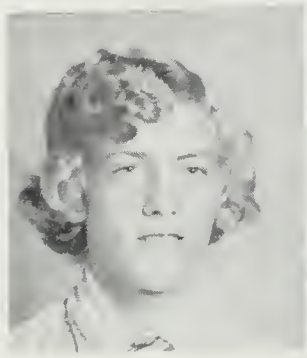
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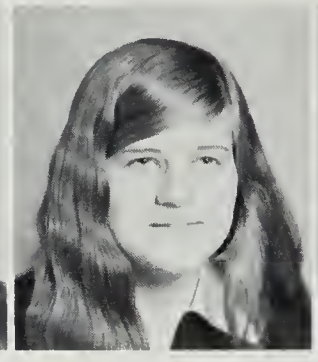
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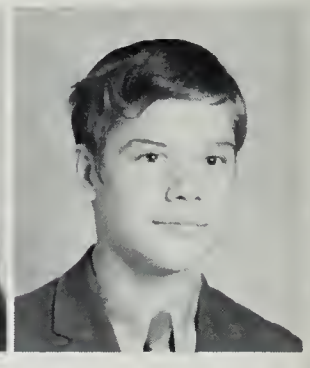
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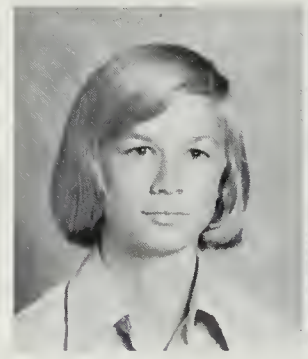
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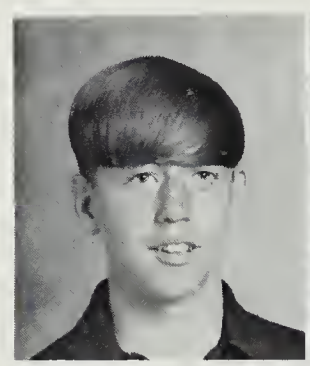
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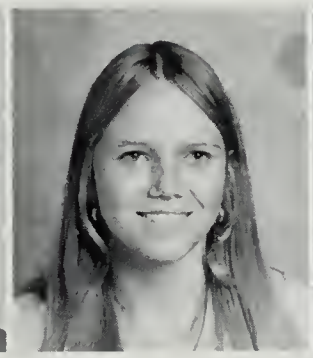
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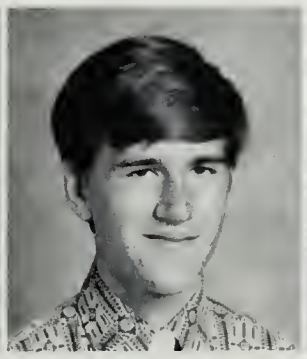
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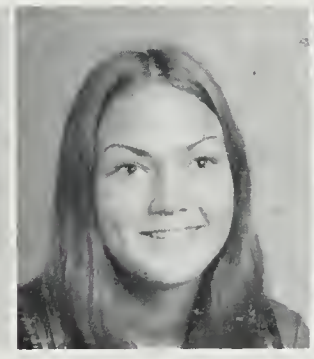
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Becky Woody



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Opposite Page: Lower Left—Sophomores appear carefree on the front lawn. Lower Right—These gentlemen assist in holding up the car. This Page: Upper Left—Students enjoy a party on the floor. Upper Right—The group attempts to catch a ride to school. Lower Left—Charlie rounds the corner.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END

After several hectic weeks of getting used to a new school and a new schedule, the freshman settled into the swing of things at Nelson. Some discovered that involvement with athletics, music, and the varied school clubs and activities aided greatly in the transition from the junior high to the senior high world. Freshman took the usual ribs and down-the-nose looks from upperclassmen with little comment. They were now faced with decisions to make concerning their futures both near and far, as they picked courses and decided whether to follow the academic or vocational line of study for their next three years.

The freshman could be seen hard at work during spirit week. With their posters, banners, and enthusiasm in the yell-out, they helped to cheer the Governors on to victory.

Although class meetings were delayed until later in the year than had been hoped, freshman worked to get organized. They strove to make this year well-rounded in all respects.



Andria Hughes, secretary-treasurer; Jerry Morse, president; Harold Smith, reporter, and Janet Knight, vice-president.







Gloria Adams



Kenneth Adams



Donna Allen



Harry Allen



Stephen Allen



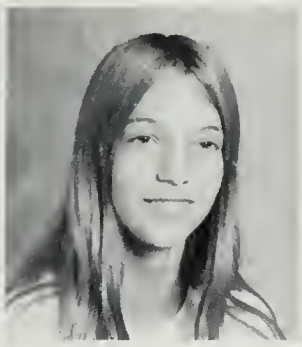
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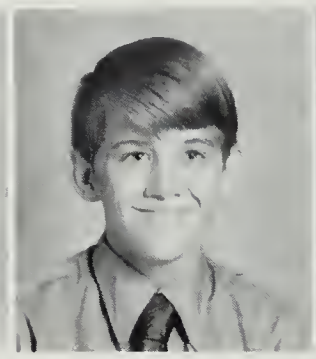
Opposite Page: Lower Left—Sandra prepares to be photographed by Bob Tavner. Lower Right—Studying on the bus makes time pass for Susan. This Page: Lower Left—Elaine makes calendar—changing an occasion. Lower Right—A contemplative Marty listens in class.







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Kerry Boggs



Daniel Bond



Sherry Bonds



Carolyn Bowling



Holly Bradley



Tammy Branch



Brenda Bryant



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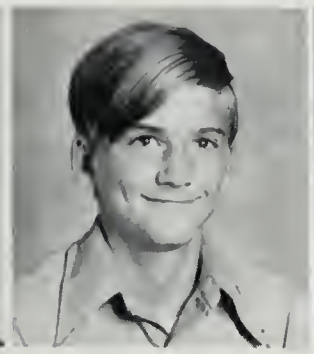
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Opposite Page: Upper Left—Warren seems to have personified boredom. Upper Right—Ricky and hat pose for the camera. This Page: Upper Left—Janet is engrossed in study. Lower Left—Homework dominates Nellie's free time. Lower Right—Jimmy and Sandra relax before Nelson's marching competition at the 1973 Buena Vista Band Day.



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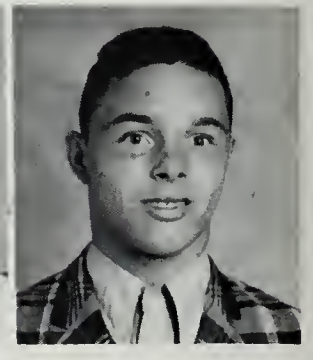
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Donna Giles



Obea Glass



Robin Gleason



David Glover



Elaine Glover







Opposite Page: Lower Left—Sarah places her book on her desk in Algebra I class. Lower Right—Sandra presents the defensive side of a cheerleader. This Page: Upper Left—Ricky and Russell enjoy a card game during study hall. Upper Right—Regina finds that learning can be fun.





Shelia Glover



Kim Goff



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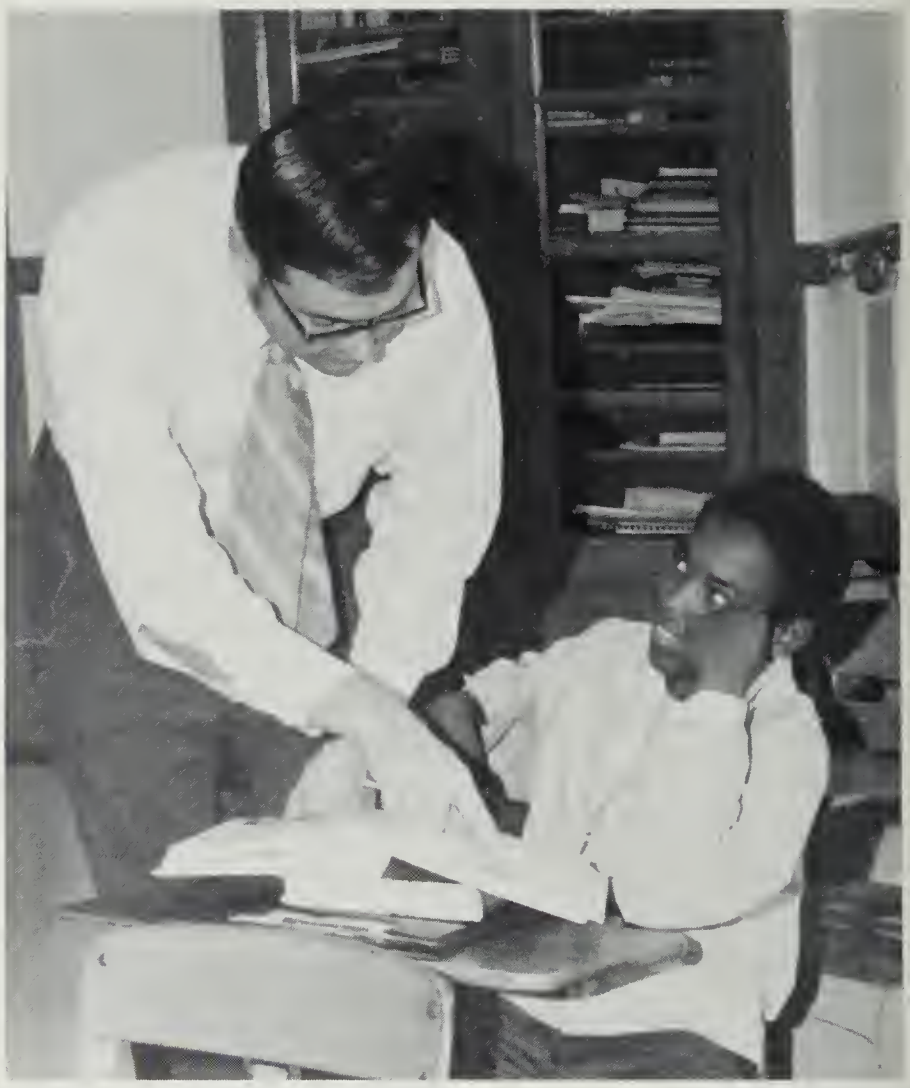


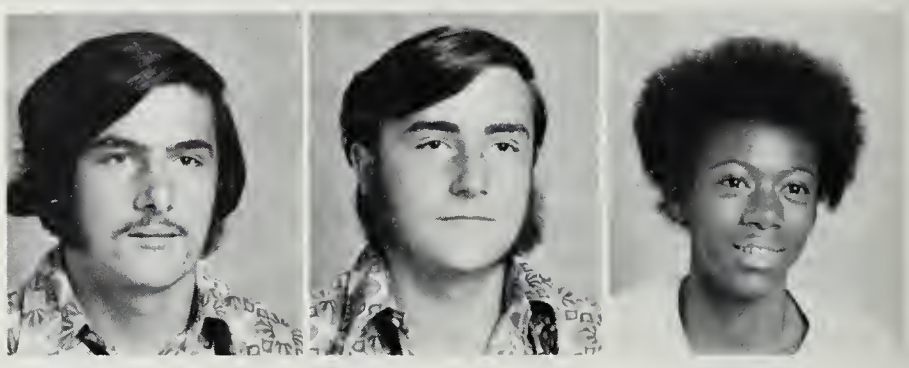
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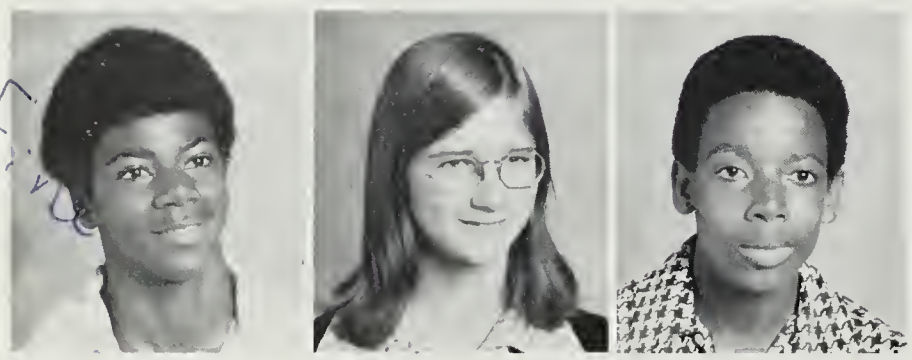
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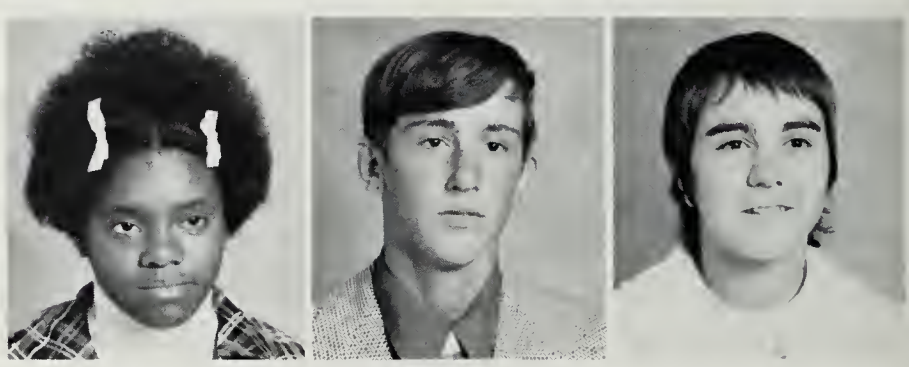




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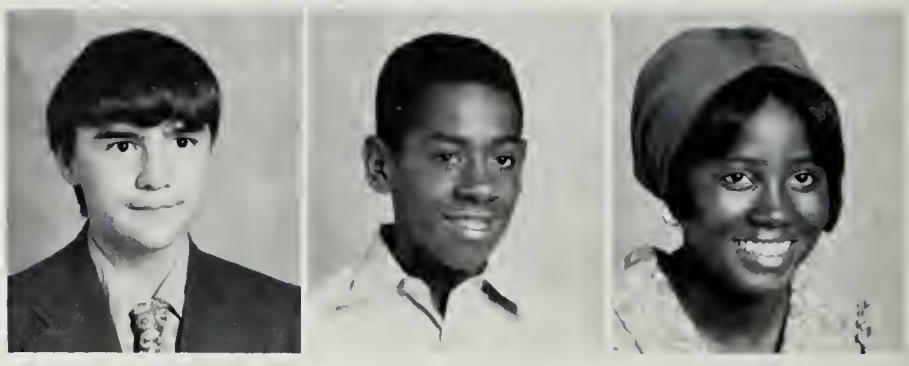
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Wanda Kidd



Janet Knight



Douglas Koon



Mary Loving



Sara Lowe



Virginia Lyon



Tommy Marks





Brenda Martin



Nita Martin



Preston Martin





Opposite Page: Upper Left—Mike perches in a comfortable position. Upper Right—Mark receives a portion of Mr. Davis' sagely wisdom. This Page: Center Left—Ida creates a masterpiece in Home Economics. Lower Left—A struggle for freedom pre-empts Robin's concern for the rifle squad's performance at the Buena Vista Band Day. Lower Right—Frustration is displayed by Bonnie during Math class.



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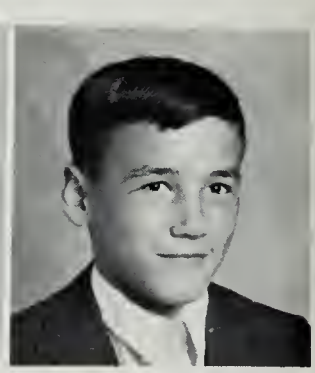
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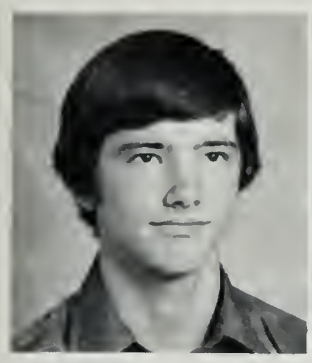


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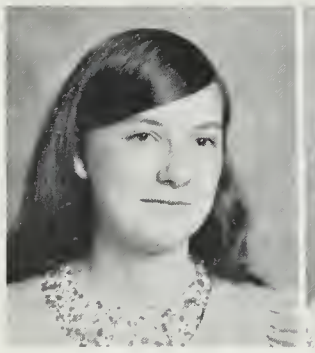


Mary Proffitt

Opposite Page: Lower Left—Mrs. Thompson's English class is seen from a hallway view. Lower Right—Jimmy and Sam await the beginning of Math class. This Page: Upper Right—Mrs. Giles helps translate the instructions on a sewing pattern for Linda. Lower Left—A basketball game during Phys. Ed. is watched from the sideline.



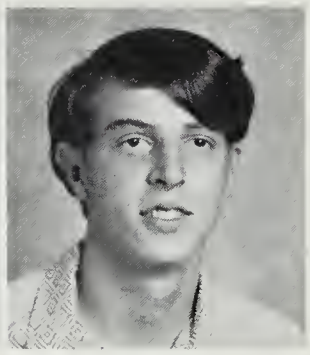




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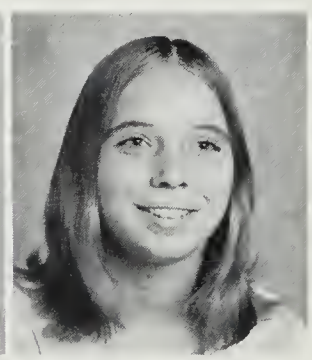
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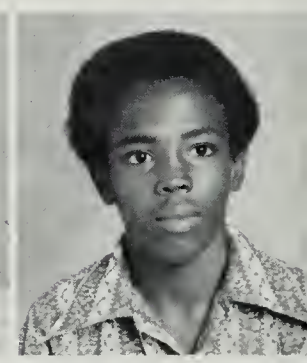
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Johnny Smith



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Opposite Page: Upper Left—Marita finds support in the blackboard as she studies. Upper Right—Posing for the camera is preferable to Algebra I in the opinion of Sarah and Sue. This Page: Center Left—Study hall idleness is humorous to these freshmen. Lower Left—Waiting for the bell requires patience. Lower Right—Lois entertains in study hall by displaying the art of bubble-blowing.



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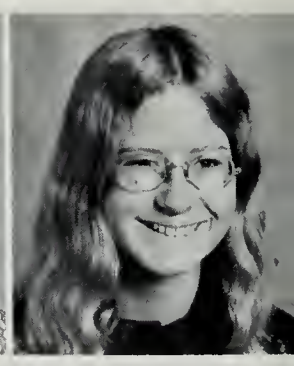
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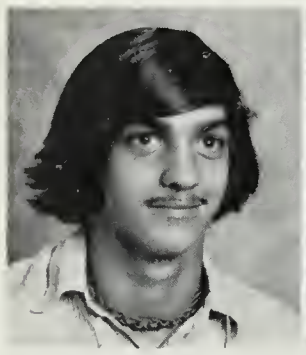


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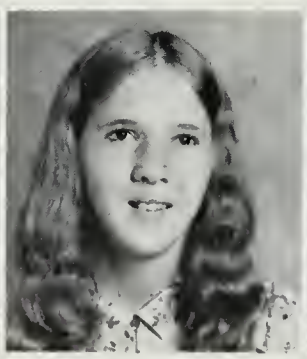
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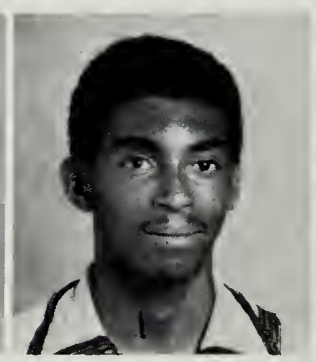
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Opposite Page: Center Left—These freshmen are the exception to the rule, as they use their library time to work. Center Right—Chris, Sam, and Mark browse through a magazine before Algebra class. This Page: Upper Left—A test of strength is called for in the ancient art of arm-wrestling. Upper Right—A part of any Home Ec. project is cleaning up afterwards.





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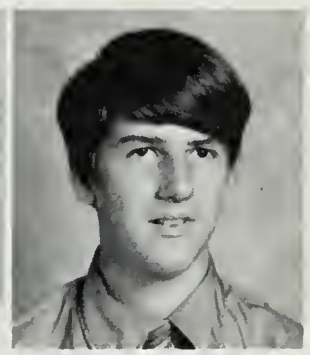
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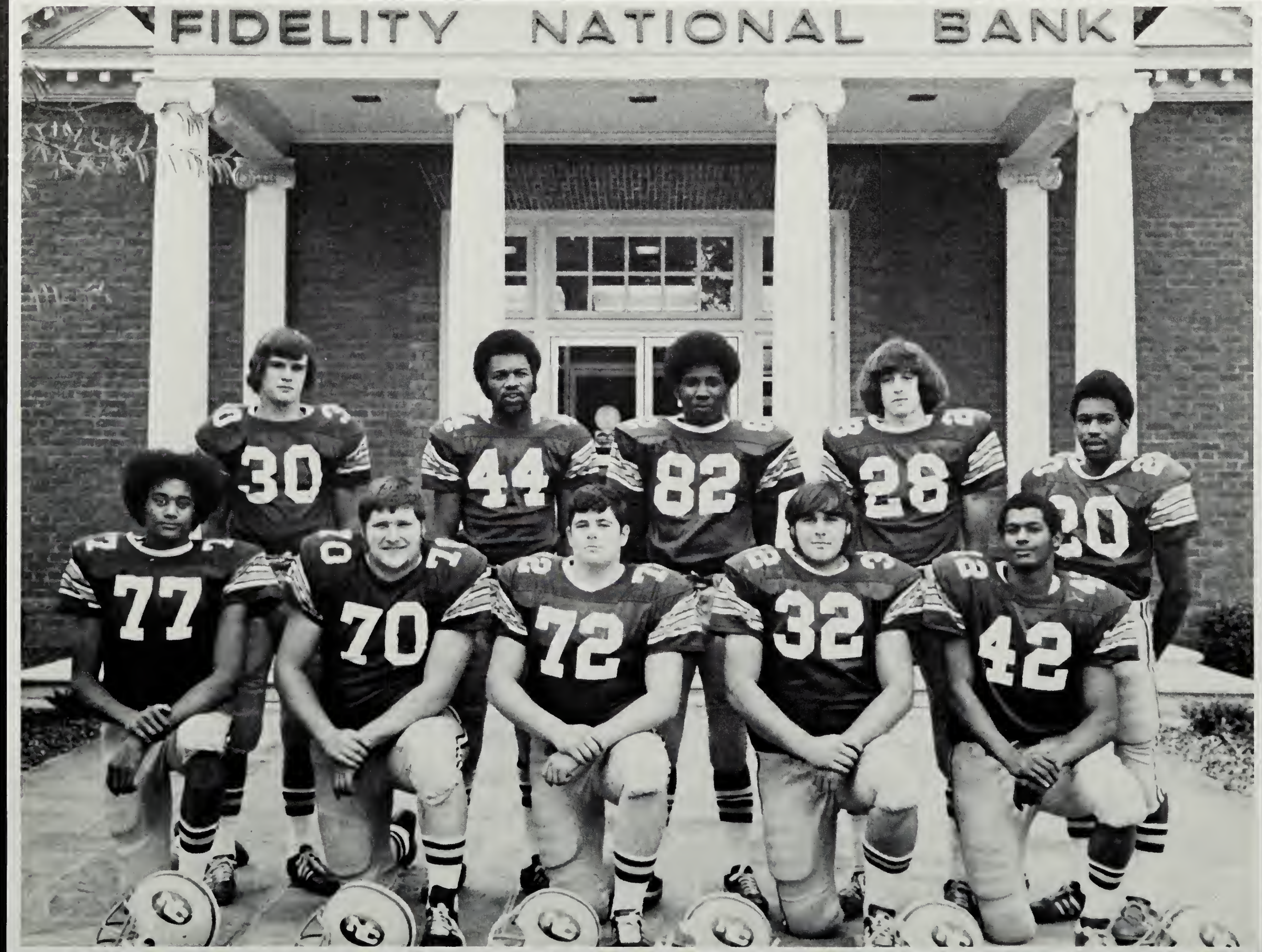
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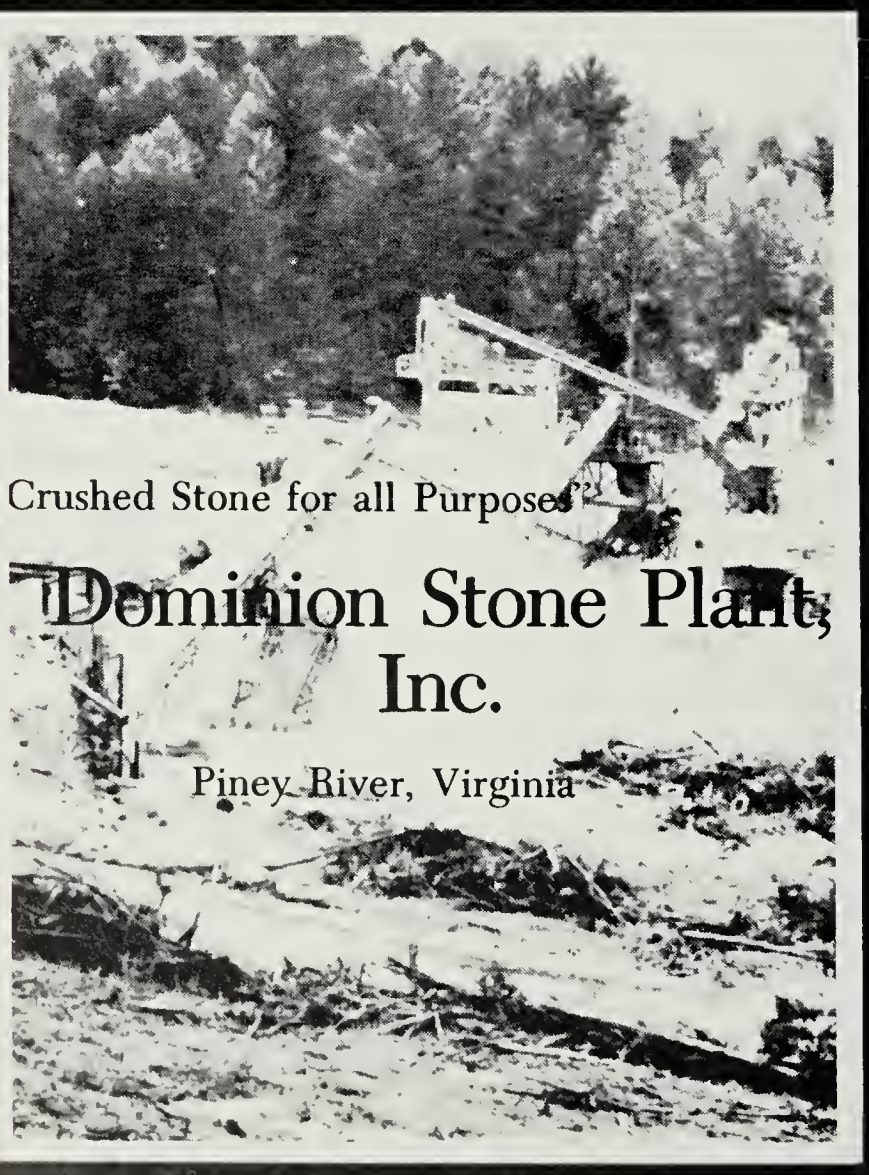
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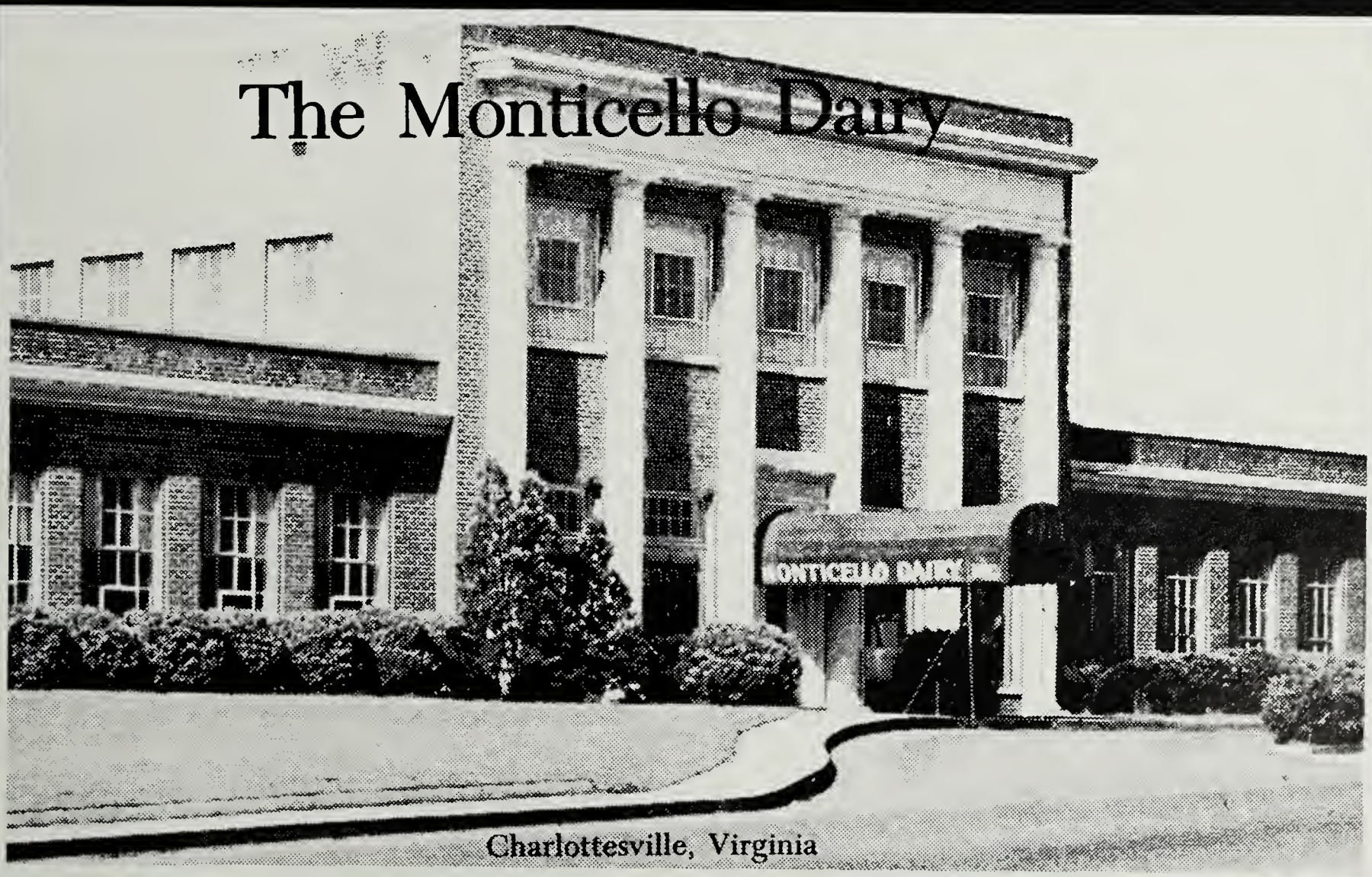
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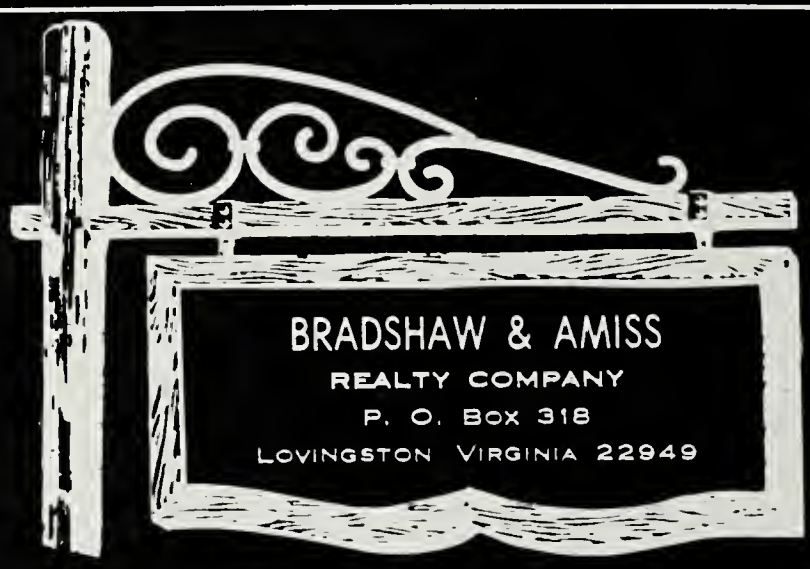
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